



In mostly white Iowa, black Dems poised to play a 2020 role

By THOMAS BEAUMONT

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — In Iowa, one of the whitest states in the nation, more than 100 black Democrats who expect to attend the 2020 caucuses crammed into a tiny community center in the capital city to position themselves as a force in the most wide-open presidential campaign in a generation.

"There is hope! There is hope, I tell you, the same hope that Barack Obama brought us," Jamie Woods, former chairwoman of the Iowa Democratic Black Caucus, implored the cheering group last month.

In the state where Obama's 2008 candidacy cleared its first important hurdle, black Democrats are energized as seldom seen, in part motivated by overwhelming dissatisfaction with President Donald Trump.

That enthusiasm could make a difference in a state that holds a presidential caucus, which, unlike an open primary, attracts only the most motivated voters.

That means a candidate who can rally more black voters in the caucuses can gain an outsized advantage, even though African Americans make up only 2% of Iowa's population.



Former chairwoman of the Iowa Democratic Black Caucus Jamie Woods introduces Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Cory Booker to speak during the Iowa Democratic Party Black Caucus Reception, Tuesday, April 16, 2019, in Des Moines, Iowa.

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A hefty donation to Trump's inaugural comes under scrutiny

By RICHARD LARDNER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Real estate mogul Franklin Haney contributed \$1 million to President Donald Trump's inaugural committee and all he's got to show for the money is the glare of a federal investigation. The contribution from Haney, a prolific political donor, came as he was seeking regulatory approval and financial support from the government for his long-shot bid to acquire the mothballed Bellefonte Nuclear Power Plant in northeastern Alabama. More than two years later, he still hasn't closed the deal.

His tale is a familiar one in Washington, where lobbyists and wealthy donors use their checkbooks to try to sway politicians. It's a world Haney is accustomed to operating in and one that Trump came into office pledging to upend. Yet Trump has left in place many of the familiar ways to wield influence.

Haney's hefty donation to Trump's inaugural commit-



In this Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 file photo, two cooling towers can be seen in the reflection of a pond outside of the unfinished Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, in Hollywood, Ala.

tee is being scrutinized by federal prosecutors in New York who are investigating the committee's finances. Their probe is focused in part on whether donors received benefits after making contributions. Trump's former personal attorney, Michael Cohen, has given prosecutors infor-

mation regarding Haney, his son and business associate, Frank Haney Jr., and the nuclear plant project, according to a person familiar with what Cohen told the authorities. The person was not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity.

Haney had briefly hired Cohen to help obtain money for the Bellefonte project from potential investors, including the Middle Eastern country of Qatar. Cohen is now serving a three-year prison sentence for tax evasion, lying to Congress and campaign finance violations.

Haney and his attorney did not respond to interview requests.

Prosecutors also are examining whether foreigners unlawfully contributed to the committee. Federal prosecutors in Manhattan issued a subpoena last year seeking a wide range of financial records from the committee, including any "communications regarding or relating to the possibility of donations by foreign nationals."

The inaugural committee has denied wrongdoing and said its funds were fully accounted for.

Haney, 79, has previously faced accusations that his political gift giving is aimed at cultivating influence. An investigation by House

Republicans in the late 1990s alleged that Haney's money and his political pull with senior Clinton administration officials helped him to get the Federal Communications Commission to move into an office building that he had a major stake in. Haney denied any wrongdoing and the Justice Department declined to pursue the matter.

But he was charged in 1999 with funneling about \$100,000 in illegal contributions to President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and other politicians, then acquitted. A federal prosecutor described Haney as a sophisticated fundraiser who hoped to impress potential business clients with his access to elected officials, like Clinton and Gore. Haney's family-owned real estate business donated thousands of dollars in 2013 and 2015 to political action committees that supported Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley, who later recommended that the nuclear plant Haney wanted to buy be put up for sale. Haney also contributed to a non-profit created to promote Bentley's agenda. The Republican governor resigned in 2017 as he faced impeachment proceedings after an alleged affair with an aide.

In addition to the investigation into Haney's contribu-

tion to the Trump inaugural committee, Haney is in an unrelated legal battle with the nuclear plant's owner, the Tennessee Valley Authority. Another Haney company, Nuclear Development LLC, has filed a lawsuit in federal court accusing the TVA, the nation's largest public utility, of illegally blocking the plant's sale to him at the last minute. The utility has argued it couldn't complete the transaction because Haney failed to get the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's approval for transfer of the construction permits.

A tentative Bellefonte sale in November 2016 involved two partially constructed nuclear reactors and the supporting cooling towers, several other buildings and more than 1,000 acres of land on the Tennessee River. Haney put down \$22 million and had until November 2018 to complete the \$111-million sale.

On Nov. 29, the day before the sale was to be closed, the TVA scrapped the deal, declaring that Haney's company had not yet secured regulatory approval as required by the Atomic Energy Act. Haney filed a breach of contract lawsuit. In early April, about five months after Nuclear Development submitted its application for transfer of the construction permits, the regulatory commission's staff told the company it needed to submit more technical details before it could proceed.

Edwin Lyman, a nuclear power expert at the Union of Concerned Scientists, said the response reflected skepticism about whether Haney's company "is serious about or capable of actually undertaking this project or just wants to put the license in its pocket for purposes unknown."

But Lyman added the five-member nuclear regulatory board is dominated by Trump appointees and may not want to be seen by Congress and the Trump administration as throwing up roadblocks to a nuclear power expansion. □

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Colorado climber dies after reaching top of Mount Everest

DENVER (AP) — A Colorado climber died shortly after getting to the top of Mount Everest and achieving his dream of scaling the highest peaks on each of the seven continents, his brother said Monday.

Christopher Kulish, a 62-year-old Boulder attorney, died Monday at a camp below the summit during his descent. The cause isn't yet known, said his brother, Mark Kulish of Denver.

Christopher Kulish had just reached the top of Everest with a small group after crowds of hundreds of climbers congested the 29,035-foot (8,850-meter) peak last week, his brother said.

"He saw his last sunrise from the highest peak on Earth. At that instant, he became a member of the '7 Summit Club,' having scaled the highest peak on each continent," Mark Kulish said in a statement.

He described his brother as an attorney in his "day job" who was "an inveterate climber of peaks in Colorado, the West and the world over."

"He passed away doing what he loved, after returning to the next camp below the peak," Mark Kulish said. About half a dozen climbers died on Everest last week, including Don Cash of Utah, who also had fulfilled his dream of climbing the highest mountains on each continent. Most of them died while descending from the summit during only a few windows of good weather each May. Most are believed to have suffered from altitude sickness, which is caused by low amounts of oxygen at high elevation and can



This April 2019 selfie photo provided by Mark Kulish shows his brother Christopher Kulish beneath Mount Everest.

Associated Press

cause headaches, vomiting, shortness of breath and mental confusion. There are 41 teams with a total of 378 climbers permitted to scale Everest during the spring climbing season.

An equal number of Nepalese guides are helping them get to the top. Christopher Kulish also is survived by his mother, Betty Kulish, and a sister, Claudia. □

Magnitude 5.8 earthquake strikes off southern Alaska coast

HOMER, Alaska (AP) — A magnitude 5.8 earthquake struck off the coast of southern Alaska, but no damage has been reported.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the quake hit around 1:50 a.m. Monday southwest of the Kenai Peninsula at a depth of 40 miles (65 kilometers). A dispatcher with the Homer Police Department said there were no reports of damage or injuries from the quake

that hit 55 miles (89 kilometers) southwest of the small coastal town of Homer. There were more than 1,000 reports of people feeling the earthquake on the Geological Survey website. Devon Hilts, a clerk at the Land's End Resort in Homer, said that she slept through the temblor but that it woke up some guests. She says nothing broke and she has not heard of any damage. □



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In mostly white Iowa, black Dems poised to play a 2020 role

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Iowa's caucus, coming next February as the first event in the Democratic Party's presidential nominating contest, is an early test of how voters are going to respond to two dozen candidates and could be a harbinger of the primary a few weeks later in South Carolina, where African Americans comprise most of the Democratic primary electorate.

"They're realizing that their voice needs to be heard," said Deidre DeJear, the first African American to win a primary for statewide office in Iowa and now



Former chairwoman of the Iowa Democratic Black Caucus Jamie Woods, right, listens as Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Cory Booker speaks during the Iowa Democratic Party Black Caucus Reception, Tuesday, April 16, 2019, in Des Moines, Iowa. Associated Press

state chairwoman for Sen. Kamala Harris' 2020 presidential campaign. "And they are using the platform they have whether they're elected or whether just a regular voter."

Stacey Walker, the first black county board chairman in Iowa's second-most-populous metro area, said he hasn't seen this kind of energy among black operatives, activists and officeholders in Iowa in years. "Not since the Obama coalition have we seen so many persons of color actively engaged and inspired by our politics," Walker said. "It hasn't always been this way, and certainly not in Iowa."

Giving an early indication of the energy within this small but influential segment of the caucus electorate, more than 200 black Democrats braved a driving ice storm in February to attend the Iowa Democratic Black Caucus winter fundraiser at a north Des Moines union hall.

Candidates are looking to harness that energy. New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, a 2020 presidential candidate and former mayor of Newark, has convened city leaders, including Quentin Hart, the first black mayor of Iowa's most densely African American city, Waterloo. Booker met Saturday with Shane McCampbell, the first black mayor of Burlington, along the Mississippi River in southeast Iowa.

Harris met privately with state Rep. Phyllis Thede, who is African American, before the four-term lawmaker moderated a campaign event for the California Democrat in eastern Iowa earlier this year.

In 2008, when Obama became the first African American to win the Iowa caucuses, 4% of caucus

participants were black, double the percentage of the state's overall black population. Obama received 76% of the black vote on caucus night.

Non-black candidates are working to attract influential black supporters, who can help make the difference in a close race, especially given the crowded field. Amy Klobuchar, for instance, last month hired Woods, the former Iowa Black Democratic Caucus chairwoman, as her caucus campaign's Iowa political director, giving the Minnesota senator a key ally in the competition for black votes. Entrepreneur Andrew Yang hired Al Womble, a black Des Moines-area businessman known for his behind-the-scenes organizing, as his Iowa campaign chairman. Multiple black candidates in the race and the outreach by others in the crowded field create a different scenario than in 2008, when Obama was the only black candidate. What's more, most of the candidates put ending racial disparity in income and criminal justice atop their agendas. "Even though we're talking about racial disparity and white supremacy, and all this is bad, that this isn't who we are. No one single candidate is leading the charge," said Guy Nave, a Democrat from Decorah who is black and plans to attend the caucus. Iowa Democrats are predicting turnout in the 2020 caucuses will beat the record 237,000 set in 2008, as Trump's approval in Iowa has struggled to top 50 percent. Meanwhile, candidates themselves are working to attract first-time caucus participants to eke out any advantage in a field that now numbers 23. □

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Texas' election chief resigns after voter citizenship flub

By PAUL J. WEBER and CLARICE SIBLER
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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The embattled Texas elections chief who questioned the U.S. citizenship of nearly 100,000 people resigned Monday ahead of being forced out of office, stepping down as Republicans went home to defend their vulnerable majority in 2020 rather than try forcing a late vote to save Gov. Greg Abbott's nominee. Secretary of State David Whitley never received a confirmation vote for his post before the Texas Legislature gaveled out for two years. It was a quiet end to an unusually mild five months in the Capitol that for a decade has been a battlefield of culture wars and bare-knuckled conservatism. Republicans in gun-friendly Texas even quietly went around the National Rifle Association before going home, setting up a test for Abbott on whether he will veto a \$1 million public safety campaign for gun storage. Abbott publicly kept up hopes for Whitley until the end, refusing to rule out just hours before Monday's deadline that his hand-picked elections chief might hang onto his job. He said the state Senate had "fought hard" for his nominee. But Whitley's fate had appeared all but sealed for months. Democrats blocked a vote on his nomination after Whitley's



In this Feb. 7, 2019 file photo, Secretary of State David Whitley, left, arrives for his confirmation hearing in Austin, Texas. Whitley, Texas embattled elections chief, is on the brink of losing his job over wrongly questioning the U.S. citizenship of thousands of voters.

office led a botched scouring of voter rolls in January that misidentified scores of people as non-citizens, set off questions from Congress and led to the state settling a federal lawsuit. Whitley did not address the flubbed voter search in his resignation letter to Abbott. "Working alongside the employees in the secretary of state's office, county elections officials, and representatives of our #1 trading partner, Mexico, has been my distinct honor and privilege," Whitley wrote, according to a letter obtained by local media. Democrats for months have said Whitley lost their trust and resisted appeals to reconsider. "He seems like a great person. But not for secretary of

state, especially concerning the issues the secretary of state has to deal with as it relates to voting, more particularly as it relates to 2020. You've got to have a secretary of state that will be fair and balanced and not pre-judge voters with suppression-type issues," Democratic Sen. Royce West said. Texas is one of the nation's biggest recurring battlegrounds over voting rights. Those tensions reignited as Whitley's office claimed that 58,000 of the voters flagged were shown to have voted in at least one election since 1996, prompting President Donald Trump to renew unsubstantiated claims of rampant voter fraud. But the data used was deeply flawed and, with-

in days, Whitley's office began walking back the numbers. The ensuing uproar threatened to cause another heated legislative session on the heels of passing some of the nation's toughest abortion restrictions, immigration crackdowns and a failed effort in 2017 to pass a "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people. But the tone in the GOP-leg-

islature sharply changed after Republicans lost more than a dozen seats in the 2018 midterms. Democrats would need to flip nine more seats in 2020 to take control of the Texas House for the first time since 2001, a tall task but one that Democrats say isn't impossible in a highly-charged presidential year.

Rather than waging partisan battles, a weakened GOP majority instead poured an extra \$4.6 billion into classrooms and took measures to slow rising property taxes. Abbott is also expected to sign \$1.6 billion in teacher raises in Texas, where teachers make about \$7,000 below the national average.

"Well, let me answer it this way, I hope so, but that wasn't why we did what we did," Bonnen said. "I think you saw an extraordinary commitment from Republicans and Democrats working in such a harmonious respectful way on these big issues. I think what it really does though is it helps every member of Texas House get re-elected." □

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Discipline or treatment? Schools rethinking vaping response

By **PAT EATON-ROBB**

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A glimpse of student athletes in peak physical condition vaping just moments after competing in a football game led Stamford High School Principal Raymond Manka to reconsider his approach to the epidemic. His school traditionally has emphasized discipline for those caught with e-cigarettes. Punishments become increasingly severe with each offense, from in-school suspensions to out-of-school suspensions and, eventually, notification of law enforcement.

But Manka began thinking about it more as an addiction problem, and less of a behavior issue, after seeing the two players from another school vaping near their bus. "It broke my heart," said Manka, whose school is now exploring how to offer cessation programs for students caught vaping or with vaping paraphernalia. "We've got to figure out how we can help these kids wean away from bad habits that might hurt their body or their mind or otherwise create behaviors that can create habits that will be harmful for the remainder of their lives," he said. Schools elsewhere have been wrestling with how to balance discipline with prevention and treatment in their response to the soaring numbers of vaping students.

Using e-cigarettes, often called vaping, has now overtaken smoking traditional cigarettes in popularity among students, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Last year, one in five U.S. high school students reported vaping the previous month, according to a CDC survey. E-cigarettes produce an aerosol by heating a liquid that usually contains high levels of nicotine — the addictive drug in regular cigarettes and other tobacco products — flavorings and other chemicals. Users inhale this aerosol into their lungs; when they exhale, bystanders often breathe it in too.

Compared with regular cigarettes, the research on the health effects of e-

Experts say the CDC classifies e-cigarettes as a tobacco product, and many

treatment and prevention. The Conejo Valley Unified School District in southern

health consequences and how companies have manipulated students to use vaping products by making it appear fun and cool. She said that two-pronged approach led to a successful decrease in the use of traditional cigarettes.

"To expect a 13, 14 or 15-year-old to break an addiction by yelling at them or suspending them, it's just not going to happen," she said. "They need help, treatment, counseling, support, education and understanding."

Dr. J. Craig Allen, medical director at Rushford, a mental health treatment center in Meriden, said suspending teens for vaping may be counterproductive.

"If your solution is to send these kids home, what do you think they are going to be doing at home," he said. "They are going to be taking rips off their Juul all day long to kill the time."

Thomas Aberli, the principal at Atherton High School in Louisville, Kentucky, said it began an intensive anti-vaping education program this year with the help of the American Association of Pediatrics. Teaching teens about how vaping companies have been courting them with flavored products seems to be having an effect.

"You could tell how angry they were getting with this sense of manipulation," he said. "That was really a turning point for us in knowing the best way to approach this problem."

Other schools have continued to emphasize discipline in crackdowns on teen vaping.

At the Mattawan Consolidated School District just outside of Kalamazoo, Michigan, Principal Tim Eastman recently wrote to parents that students found congregating in bathrooms or parking lots will be taken to the office and searched. "Anyone found with vaping equipment will face suspensions," Eastman wrote. "Although this may seem extreme, the health and safety of our students is too important to ignore." □



In this April 11, 2018, file photo, a high school student uses a vaping device near a school campus in Cambridge, Mass.

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cigarettes is painfully thin. Experts say that although using e-cigarettes appears less harmful over the long run than smoking regular cigarettes, that doesn't mean they're safe — particularly for youth, young adults, pregnant women or adults who do not currently use tobacco products.

"Studies have shown that e-cigarette use among young people is potentially associated with an increased risk of progressing on to cigarette use and to vaping cannabis, which has become increasingly common in recent years," said Dr. Renee Goodwin, a researcher and professor of epidemiology at the City University of New York and Columbia University who studies tobacco and cannabis use.

Besides nicotine, e-cigarettes can include other harmful substances, including heavy metals like lead and cancer-causing agents. The vaping liquid is often offered in a variety of flavors that appeal to youth and is packaged in a way that makes them attractive to children. And the long-term health effects, Goodwin noted, are unknown.

schools lump vaping in with tobacco use in applying codes of conduct, treating offenses similarly.

In Connecticut alone, administrators dealt with 2,160 incidents in which students were caught vaping or with vaping paraphernalia in violation of school policies during the 2017-18 school year, up from 349 two years earlier. The schools issued 1,465 in-school suspensions and 334 out-of-school suspensions, according to the state Education Department.

Nationwide, some schools have removed bathroom stall doors or placed monitors outside of restrooms to check students in and out. Others have installed humidity detectors that sound an alarm when vapor clouds are detected.

Lawmakers are beginning to show similar concerns. Oklahoma has passed legislation to ban vaping on school property, and a dozen states have passed legislation to increase the age for smoking and vaping to 21.

Nevertheless, some school districts have begun taking a more comprehensive approach by emphasizing

California recently shifted from suspending students for a first offense to sending them to a four-hour Saturday class on the marketing and health dangers of vaping. A second offense results in a one-or-two-day suspension coupled with several weeks of a more intensive six-week counseling program that includes parents.

"I think we are seeing quite a bit of success, basing it on the reduction this year in both the number of incidents reported on campus and the number of suspensions," said Luis Lichtl, the district's assistant superintendent.

"The schools that seem to be most effective are those that are of course enforcing their disciplinary code — they can't do otherwise — but are using that as the floor and not the ceiling," said Bob Farrace, a spokesman for the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Linda Richter, an expert on vaping and adolescent substance use who works at the New York-based Center on Addiction, suggests that schools provide information about the

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Dartmouth, women want mediation in sexual misconduct lawsuit

By KATHY McCORMACK
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Dartmouth College and nine women who accuse the school of ignoring years of sexual misconduct by three professors have agreed to try to settle a lawsuit out of court.

In a joint motion filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Concord, New Hampshire, the school and the women asked a judge for a stay of all deadlines and rulings until three days after agreed-to mediation or July 31, whichever comes first. The judge hasn't responded yet. "The parties have been in discussion about participating in mediation in an attempt to resolve this matter without further litigation," the motion said.

The parties said they recently selected a retired state superior court judge who is now a professional mediator and are working on setting a date to meet. The November lawsuit accuses Dartmouth of failing to take action to address years of sexual harassment, assault and other misconduct suffered by students at the hands of three Department of Psychological and Brain Science professors. It was initially filed by seven women, one of them anonymously. Two more joined anonymously earlier this month. Dartmouth challenged the use of "Jane Doe" pseudonyms for three of the nine plaintiffs, saying the anonym-

ity would prejudice Dartmouth's ability to defend itself. The original lawsuit alleges that professors William Kelley, Paul Whalen and Todd Heatherton harassed women and groped them. It also accuses Kelley and Whalen each of raping a student after a night of drinking, attempting to seduce women under their supervision and punishing those who rebuffed their advances. All three have since left Dartmouth. Whalen and Kelley have not commented on the allegations, and it is unclear whether they have attorneys to speak for them. Heatherton apologized for acting inappropriately at conferences but said, through a lawyer, that he never socialized or had sexual relations with students. Dartmouth's original response said there was an "unacceptable environment involving excess alcohol consumption, an inappropriate level of fraternization, and inappropriate personal comments and contact" between the three professors and some students. It also said it has evidence the professors inappropriately touched students and texted them but said it lacked evidence to support the more serious assault allegations and denied that the behavior affected all women in the department. It also denied that the department as a whole had a "party culture." □

Analysis: Thousands in Illinois may have guns without permit

CHICAGO (AP) — Tens of thousands of Illinois residents whose gun licenses have been revoked could still be in possession of firearms, according to an analysis of state records by the Chicago Tribune.

The failure of the system was underscored in February when a man killed five former colleagues and wounded five police officers in Aurora, Illinois, using a gun he kept despite the revocation of his Firearm Owner's Identification card in 2014.

Local police departments are supposed to ensure that those whose licenses have been revoked surrender their permits within 48 hours and fill out a form stating their guns have been passed to a legal gun owner or the police. But since 2015, nearly 27,000 Illinois residents whose FOID cards have been revoked haven't updated authorities on what they have done with their firearms, the Tribune reported. That means authorities do not know whether 78% of those revoked cardholders still own guns.

"I will say the depth and breadth of the problem did take me back just a bit," said acting Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly, who has made FOID revocation compliance a priority since he took office this year. "The only way we are going to be able to take a bite out of this problem is just laying it all out there: the



In this Wednesday, May 22, 2019 photo, family members of Vicente Juarez, including from left to right, his granddaughter Dyani (cq), 12, daughter Diana, wife Leticia and son Christian, pose for a photograph with a portrait of Juarez at their home in Oswego, Ill.

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good, the bad and the ugly."

FOID cards can be revoked for a number of reasons: felony convictions or indictments; convictions involving domestic abuse; being subject to an order of protection; being deemed a mental health risk; dishonorable discharge from the

military; or being found to be in the country illegally.

Local police departments are informed by state police when a card has been rescinded, but most don't prioritize checking on the status of remaining weapons due to a lack of resources, officers or background information. □

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Farage claims pro-Brexit momentum after divisive UK vote

By JILL LAWLESS
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LONDON (AP) — British euroskeptic Nigel Farage said Monday that his new Brexit Party's victory in the European election should spur Britain to leave the European Union even without a divorce deal — a call echoed by many senior Conservatives, stung by their party's humiliating defeat.

Farage's single-issue party and pro-EU forces combined to trounce Britain's two dominant political parties in the European Parliament election, as angry voters blamed the ruling Conservatives and the opposition Labour Party for the country's Brexit impasse.

With complete results announced Monday, the Brexit Party had won 29 of the 73 British EU seats up for grabs and almost a third of the votes. On the pro-EU side, the Liberal Democrats took 20% of the vote and 16 seats — a dramatic increase from the single seat in won in the last EU election in 2014.

The opposition Labour Party came third with 14.1%, followed by the pro-European environmentalist Greens, who captured nearly 12.1%. The Conservatives — apparently blamed by



Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage, center left, speaks to the media at an event to mark the gains his party made in the European Elections, in London, Monday, May 27, 2019.

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voters for failing to deliver Brexit in March as planned — were in fifth with under 10% of the vote.

The election leaves Britain's EU exit more uncertain than ever, with both Brexiteers and pro-EU "remainers" able to claim strong support. The result raises the likelihood of a chaotic "no deal" exit from the EU — but also the possibility of a new Brexit referendum that could reverse the decision to leave.

A triumphant Farage said he doubted the Conservatives, who are seeking a

new leader, would be able to take Britain out of the 28-nation bloc on the currently scheduled date of Oct. 31.

"The Conservative Party are bitterly divided and I consider it to be extremely unlikely that they will pick a leader who is able to take us out on the 31st October," Farage said.

He said his party — which currently has no members and no policies apart from leaving the EU — would "stun everybody" in the next British general election if the country didn't leave

the EU on time.

British Prime Minister Theresa May, who is stepping down as Conservative leader next month after failing to deliver Brexit, said the "disappointing" result of the European vote "shows the importance of finding a Brexit deal, and I sincerely hope these results focus minds in Parliament."

But the election instead is likely to harden the uncompromising stance of the candidates vying to succeed her. On Monday, Home Secretary Sajid Javid became the ninth Conser-

vative lawmaker to enter the race for the top job.

"First and foremost, we must deliver Brexit," he said. Boris Johnson, the current favorite to replace May, tweeted: "The message from last night's results is clear. It is time for us to deliver Brexit."

Most businesses and economists think leaving the EU with no agreement on departure terms and future relations would cause economic turmoil and plunge Britain into a recession. But many Conservatives think embracing a no-deal Brexit may be the only way to win back voters from Farage's party. Labour paid for a fence-sitting Brexit policy in which it dithered over whether to support a new referendum that could halt Brexit. Some senior Labour figures said after the party's weak performance that it must now firmly back a new referendum on Britain's departure from the bloc.

Party leader Jeremy Corbyn has long resisted a new referendum, but Labour economy spokesman John McDonnell suggested that might change.

He said the best way of stopping a damaging no-deal Brexit was "going back to the people in a referendum, and that's what I think our members want." □

French far-right makes big demands on Macron after small win

By ELAINE GANLEY
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PARIS (AP) — If French far-right leader Marine Le Pen gets her wish, her National Rally party, victorious in the European Parliament election, will force a dissolution of France's own parliament and lure opponents to her cause, enlarging her base. But there's one major roadblock: French President Emmanuel Macron.

His government immediately made it clear Monday that Macron won't dissolve the National Assembly and will continue to implement planned reforms.

Le Pen narrowly defeated Macron's centrists — by just under a one-point mar-



Far-right National Party leader Marine le Pen delivers a speech at the campaign headquarters, Sunday, May 26, 2019 in Paris.

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gin — in France's European Parliament vote Sunday — a ballot that was also considered a very timely national survey of the two rivals. It fueled Le Pen's vi-

sion of creating a nationalist force that counts in both France and Europe.

Her National Rally and Macron's Republic on the Move parties both cap-

tured 23 seats in the European Parliament — one less than her party won in the 2014 election it handily won. But Sunday night's win had added value because her main opponent was the president of France and her populist allies in Europe, on a roll but not a wave, opened the door to enlarging their small group in the European Parliament — a potential double win.

The strongly pro-EU Macron considers his party's score honorable, given that European elections have often served domestically as a protest vote. The president has faced down weekly protests for six months from the grassroots yellow vest movement, seeking so-

cial and economic justice that protesters say cannot be found in the economic changes Macron is taking to modernize France's economy. The critics see Macron as "president of the rich."

Le Pen insisted she wasn't seeking revenge against Macron, who defeated her in France's 2017 presidential election. Macron "put his weight into this battle ... and lost," Le Pen declared. In addition to saying that Macron must dissolve the French parliament, Le Pen wanted a proportional voting system more favorable to her party put into France's lower chamber — where she serves as one of eight party lawmakers. □

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Ousted by parliament, Austria's Kurz vows to win job back

By DAVID RISING
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VIENNA (AP) — Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz was ousted by parliament in a no-confidence vote Monday, paving the way for a new election. The young leader, riding high in popular support, defiantly vowed that he and his center-right People's Party would return to power with increased strength. The vote capped a week of turmoil at the top in Austria that started when Kurz pulled the plug on his coalition with the far-right Freedom Party after a video emerged showing that party's leader appearing to be offering lucrative government contracts to a purported Russian investor. A new election is already planned for September and President Alexander Van der Bellen needs to appoint a caretaker government to serve until then. Less than three hours after losing his job, Kurz appeared before a cheering crowd outside party offices in Vienna, pledging that "the changes that we began two years ago will not end today." He said he looked forward to helping the interim government ensure stability in the coming months, and would fight to win back his position.



Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz waves to his supporters at the political headquarters of Austrian People's Party, OEVP, in Vienna, Austria, Monday, May 27, 2019.

"In the end, the people will decide in September, and I'm happy about that," he said to chants from the crowd of "Chancellor Kurz!" He lashed out at the Freedom Party as well as the opposition Social Democrats, who brought the no-confidence vote, saying from them "we have only heard one thing, that Kurz must go. That's the only platform of those two parties and I'm afraid to say I

must disappoint them both: I'm still here." No-confidence votes are common in Austrian politics, but this is the first one to have succeeded in its modern history. The result makes Kurz the shortest-serving chancellor since 1945 with 525 days in office, according to the Austria Press Agency. Kurz now loses the advantage of campaigning as an incumbent chancellor but remains popular and his

center-right party finished first Sunday in Austria in the European Parliament election with 34.9% support, a gain of almost 8 percentage points over 2014. The 32-year-old, who became Europe's youngest leader when he was sworn in just before Christmas 2017, remained composed earlier in the day amid withering criticism from opponents in parliament before the no-confidence vote. He told the body that he

was "proud and satisfied with the work we have done as a government in the past year and a half" and pledged to work constructively with the caretaker government. "We will certainly not put any stones on the path of the next government," he said. "We will support them as much as possible." Van der Bellen told reporters later that Kurz's government would be officially dismissed on Tuesday but ministers would be left in their positions until a new government can be appointed, hopefully by Friday. He said he needed to find an interim chancellor who would be accepted by all parties and was holding talks with all involved. Finance Minister Hartwig Loeger will take over the duties of chancellor in the meantime, he said. In parliament, Kurz suggested he had no choice but to end his partnership with the Freedom Party after the video emerged of Heinz-Christian Strache, who has since resigned as party leader. "It was clear for me that it meant the end of the coalition," Kurz said. Herbert Kickl, a top Freedom Party lawmaker, accused Kurz of using the Strache video as a chance to consolidate his power. □

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Syrian air raids hit crowded residential areas in Idlib

By SARAH EL DEEB
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BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian government air raids killed at least nine people on Monday, after hitting a crowded residential area in the last rebel stronghold in the northwest province of Idlib, rescuers and activists said. The first responders known as White Helmets said 11 people were killed, including six children and four women. Rescue workers were still searching for survivors under the rubble after the airstrikes hit in the town of Ariha. One rescuer said after two hours of searching two children were pulled out alive.

Videos from the scene by the White Helmets showed a narrow alley blocked by the debris from a pulverized building. Survivors covered in white dust were among those who lifted a wounded man on a gurney and a young girl into the ambulance. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported 17 were killed on Monday, including nine in Ariha and six others in another village, Hazareen. The scene in Ariha was reminiscent of the violence that has hit many rebel-held areas as the government pursued similar military tactics to regain control of territory



This photo provided by the Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, shows Civil Defense workers inspecting a damaged building after an airstrike by Syrian government forces, in the town of Ariha, in the northwestern province of Idlib, Syria, Monday, May 27, 2019.

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it had lost to armed opposition. In the last three years, Syrian troops, with support from Russia and Iran, have regained control of most of the country, displacing hundreds of thousands, mostly to Hama and Idlib, where rebels are making their last stand.

But this rebel stronghold is home to nearly 3 million people, who have nowhere to run to escape the government offensive.

Ghayath, a resident of Ariha, said the bombs fell on

two buildings only meters away from a main market which was packed with shoppers at the time of the strike. He had passed through the narrow street on his way home minutes before the strike. He returned more than half an hour later to inspect what happened as rescuers looked for survivors. It was "too painful" to watch, so he left, he said.

"We can hear the bomb as

it heads toward the ground, and it is terrifying," Ghayath said. He spoke on condition only his first name is used, fearing he would be traced by government forces and his house targeted.

A cease-fire in place since September in the province of Idlib, negotiated by Russia and Turkey, has all but collapsed.

U.N. agencies say more than 200,000 are displaced within the stronghold, moving from the southern tip

up north and crowding already packed camps and towns. Most of those displaced are living outside of camps, the U.N. said, while some have sought safety near the Turkish border where they hope no airstrikes would pursue them there. Some 20 health facilities, three displaced people's camp and one refugee camp were hit in the violence, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs reported on Friday.

Since the violence picked up on April 30, the Observatory said at least 215 civilians, including 47 children were killed in the rebel stronghold. In adjacent government areas, 21 civilians were killed by rebel fire, according to the Observatory which monitors the war.

On Monday alone, the Observatory said there were more than 100 air raids and as many as 93 barrel bombs dropped on the southern section of the rebel stronghold. Russia and the government announced last week the opening of two corridors for civilians to exit the rebel-held enclave—another familiar tactic followed to empty opposition areas amid a military operation. □

Poland's ruling right-wing party tops the polls

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's ruling Law and Justice party has emerged as the big winner in the country's European parliament elections, taking over 45% of the votes following an aggressive campaign against a united opposition in a year of key elections. Preliminary results from more than 99% of voting stations announced Monday by the State Electoral Commission suggest that the right-wing ruling party has a good chance of winning crucial elections to the national parliament in the fall and continuing its policy of social conservatism and euroskepticism. It was the first ever win for



Jaroslaw Kaczynski, leader of PiS party, Law and Justice, gives a speech after announcing the first results of the European parliament election in Warsaw, Poland, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

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the right-wing, nationalist party in European balloting and apparently its best

ever in any election. Analysts said the intensive campaign, with the par-

ticipation of party leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski and quick containment of crises — from leaders' business dealings to revelations of child sex abuse by priests — contributed to its good showing.

"This is an impressive victory for Law and Justice given the number of crises that could have potentially damaged its image and the fact that voters were assessing its almost four years in power," said sociologist Jacek Kucharczyk, head of the Institute of Public Affairs think tank.

The Polish ruling party has a difficult relationship with the EU, which has put the country under scrutiny for what it sees as an attack on rule of law from legisla-

tion governing the appointment and regulation of the judiciary. The biggest vote-getter, with some 450,000 votes, was former prime minister Beata Szydlo, who is remembered for launching the Law and Justice program of benefits for large families in 2016.

The ruling party's win signals a government reshuffle in the coming weeks. Some current ministers have won seats. Kucharczyk also praised opposition leader Grzegorz Schetyna for forming the European Coalition of center-left parties that won some 38% of votes and is the only political force capable of competing against Law and Justice in the national parliament elections. □

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North Korea calls Bolton 'war monger' over missile comment

By **KIM TONG-HYUNG**

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

North Korea on Monday called U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton a "war monger" and "human defect" after he described its recent tests of short-range missiles as a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

The statement by an unidentified North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesperson came as President Donald Trump visited Japan for meetings with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at which the nuclear standoff with North Korea was expected to be high on the agenda.

Bolton told reporters in Tokyo on Saturday that there was "no doubt" that North Korea's recent missile launches violated U.N. resolutions, and that sanctions against the North must be kept in place. Trump later downplayed the missile tests, tweeting, "North Korea fired off some small weapons, which disturbed some of my people, and others, but not me."



In this Friday, May 24, 2019, file photo, U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton is surrounded by reporters at the prime minister's official residence in Tokyo, Japan.

Associated Press

North Korea tested short-range ballistic missiles on May 4 and 9, ending a pause in launches that began in late 2017. The tests were seen as a way for North Korea to pressure Washington to soften its stance on easing sanctions against it without actually causing negotiations to collapse.

In the statement carried by the North's Korean Central

News Agency, the North Korean spokesperson said the North was exercising its right of self-defense with the launches. North Korea has never recognized the U.N. Security Council resolutions, which it views as denying its "rights to existence and development of a sovereign state," the statement said.

"If any object is launched, it is bound to fly in trajectory,"

the statement said. It said a demand that North Korea ban all launches that use ballistic technology regardless of the range is the same as asking it to relinquish its right to self-defense.

The spokesperson said Bolton was an "ignorant" hard-liner who throughout different U.S. administrations pushed provocative policies against North Korea including endorsements of pre-emptive strikes and regime change. The spokesperson also said that Bolton's "hammer act" was responsible for the collapse of a major nuclear deal between the countries reached in 1994, when North Korea agreed to halt its nuclear program in exchange for U.S. fuel aid. The deal broke down in 2002 after U.S. intelligence agencies said North Korea was continuing its pursuit of bombs with a secret uranium enrichment program. "It will be fit to call Bolton not a security adviser striving for security but a security-destroying adviser who is wrecking peace and se-

curity," the spokesperson said. "It is not at all strange that perverse words always come out from the mouth of a structurally defective guy, and such a human defect deserves an earlier vanishing."

Experts say the weapons North Korea tested this month are new solid-fuel missiles that are potentially nuclear capable and would strengthen the North's ability to strike targets throughout South Korea.

South Korea has expressed concern that the launches may run against the spirit of an inter-Korean military agreement reached last year to reduce tensions, but has been eager to downplay the significance of the tests as it tries to keep a positive atmosphere for dialogue alive. South Korea's presidential office and military have refused to call the launches outright provocations, and have yet to confirm that the missiles were ballistic weapons, although most experts say they clearly were. □

Malawi's Mutharika re-elected to 2nd term in tight race

By **GREGORY GONDWE**

Associated Press

BLANTYRE, Malawi (AP) —

Malawi's President Peter Mutharika has narrowly won re-election with 38% of the votes in last week's polls, the electoral commission declared Monday.

Mutharika's victory was announced in Blantyre, Malawi's largest city, immediately after the High Court in Lilongwe, the capital, threw out an injunction preventing the electoral com-



Malawi's President Peter Mutharika arrives to cast his vote at a polling station near Blantyre, Malawi, Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

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mission from announcing the winner.

The ban was obtained on Saturday by opposition candidate Lazarus Chakwera, who came in a close second with 35% of the votes. Former Vice President Saulos Chilima came in third with 20% of the ballots. In the parliamentary elections, Mutharika's Democratic Progressive Party won 63 seats in the legislative body, while Chakwera's Malawi Con-

gress Party got 55 seats and 52 independent candidates were elected.

According to the official results, 5.1 million Malawians voted in the May 21 election, representing 74% of the registered voters, said electoral commission chairwoman Jane Ansah.

Chakwera had called for a recount in 10 of Malawi's 28 districts but the commission declined, saying that the results had been checked at several stages. □

New evidence links Colombia army chief to civilian slayings

By JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— New evidence has emerged linking the embattled head of Colombia's army to the alleged cover-up of civilian killings more than a decade ago. The documents, provided to The Associated Press by a person familiar with an ongoing investigation into the extrajudicial killings, come as Gen. Nicacio Martínez Espinel faces mounting pressure to resign over orders he gave troops this year to step up attacks in what some fear could pave the way for a return of serious human rights violations.

Colombia's military has been blamed for as many as 5,000 extrajudicial killings at the height of the country's armed conflict in the mid-2000s as troops under pressure by top commanders inflated body counts, in some cases dressing up civilians as guerrillas in exchange for extra pay and other perks.

What became known as the "false positives" scandal has cast a dark shadow over the U.S.-backed military's record of battle-ground victories. Fifteen years later not a single top commander has been held accountable for the slayings. Human Rights Watch in February harshly criticized President Ivan Duque's appointment of Martínez Espinel, noting that he was second-in-command of the 10th Brigade in north-east Colombia during years for which prosecutors have opened investigations into 23 illegal killings. The rights



In this Dec. 17, 2018 file photo, Army Commander Gen. Nicacio Martínez Espinel, right, salutes during a swearing-in ceremony for the new military and police commanders, in Bogota, Colombia. Associated Press

group revealed that then Col. Martínez Espinel certified payments to an informant who led to "excellent results" in a purported combat operation in which an indigenous civilian and 13-year-old girl were killed. A court later convicted two soldiers of abducting them from their home, murdering them and putting weapons on their bodies so they appeared to be rebels. Martínez Espinel at the time of the report said he had "no idea" if he had made the payments. "God and my subalterns know how we've acted," he said. But new documents from Colombia's prosecutor's office show that Martínez Espinel in 2005 signed off on at least seven other questionable payments. The documents were provided to the AP by someone on the condition of anonymity

because they fear retaliation. Some of the rewards, which never exceeded \$500, went to supposed informants whose names and IDs didn't match. In two cases, judicial investigators found the real beneficiary was soldier Oscar Alfonso Murgas, who would go on to be sentenced to 40 years for his role in a third, unrelated civilian killing. One hidden recipient was a former paramilitary commander sentenced to 15 years for extortion. In another inconsistency, on two occasions Martínez Espinel vouched for information leading to fighting that the same documents show took place days later. Such was the case for a payment made on May 17, 2005 to an unnamed informant and which bears Martínez Espinel's signature. The payment refers

to combat with purported guerrillas on May 20 — three days later — in which an unidentified "no name" male was reported killed possessing a grenade and pistol.

"A decade ago, soldiers across Colombia lured civilians to remote locations under false pretenses — such as with promises of work — killed them, placed weapons on their lifeless bodies, and then reported them as enemy combatants killed in action," said José Miguel Vivanco, Americas director at Human Rights Watch. "One can't help wonder if any of the cockades in their uniforms, or the promotions throughout 'successful' careers, corresponds to the murder of innocent civilians committed over a decade ago." Martínez Espinel in a statement said he faces no criminal or disciplinary in-

vestigations. He said it was up to judicial authorities to evaluate the value of the documents bearing his signature but that during his time at the 10th Brigade he had no involvement or responsibility in combat operations, instead performing a purely administrative role. "I always have been and will be ready to answer any questions by authorities," he said.

Vivanco said it's no surprise Martínez isn't under investigation given authorities' willingness to turn a blind eye to the responsibility of top commanders in the killing spree. While Colombian courts have convicted hundreds of low-ranking soldiers for their roles in the "false positive" murders, not a single general and only a handful of coronels have so far been convicted. Under international law, commanders can be held responsible for crimes carried out by subordinates that they knew about or should have known about. Now there are reports that Martínez Espinel as army chief is looking to reinstate the policies that critics say led to the executions. The New York Times reported recently that Martínez Espinel commanded troops to double the number of leftist guerrillas and criminals they kill, capture or force to surrender in combat. The new guidelines, made in writing at the start of Martínez Espinel's tenure as army chief in January, raised concerns among unnamed officers cited by the Times about the heightened risk of civilian casualties. □

4 police killed, others wounded in Mexico gang attack

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Four police officers were killed and seven others wounded in gang attacks in western Mexico, according to local officials, and two bystanders were being treated for wounds. The Michoacan state prosecutors' office said attackers opened fire on one patrol vehicle and then twice ambushed reinforcements that were sent in to help on Sunday.

The office said three officers died in the attacks in the city of Zamora, and Mayor Martin Samaguey later said a fourth had died of wounds suffered in the shootings. The prosecutors' office did not identify which gang was behind the attack in the city of Zamora. However, prosecutors said one of the attackers' trucks had been found and local media published photos of the pickup with the letters "CJNG" on its door.

Those are the Spanish initials of the violent Jalisco New Generation Cartel.

A video posted on social media around the time of the attack showed a convoy of pickup trucks and SUVs, apparently about two dozen, all with "CJNG" neatly painted on their doors or sides. The dead and seven of the wounded were municipal police, who in most parts of Mexico rarely play a front-line role against drug cartels.

Municipal police are relatively lightly armed and are less well-paid and trained than their federal and state police colleagues. In many towns, they have been corrupted by drug gangs. "These have been difficult times," Samaguey wrote in a statement. "We have been urgently requesting assistance from state and federal authorities, while working with whatever we have and doing whatever we possibly can." □



choose for sustainable products and support of the local community." The guests make them stay on top of things too, it is a chemistry that works out great. "Many guests are time share owners of Casa del Mar and they are like family with the good and the bad. Constructive criticism helps us stay keen on all details."

Jonnique's passion is empowering people and that energy is most definitely a remarkable asset to make their slogan 'We Are Matthew's' a reality on a daily base. □

'I don't like my job, I love it'

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She is calm, professional and gives the credits of the restaurant's success to her staff. "The strength of my team and me is the people. You start and end with each other, positivity is number one. I believe in transmitting good energy meaning that everyone is listened to even if we do not agree." Their slogan 'We Are Matthew's' is made up by the staff and expresses the family feeling, compassion, communication, trustworthiness, friendliness and customer service they stand for.

Variety is the Spice of Life

Jonnique has been working in the hospitality industry for eighteen years already, more than seven years she is with Matthew's. She is a self-made woman that worked her way up from cocktail waitress to bartender to supervisor to GM now. "I don't like my job, I love my job. It has become part of my life. When I wake up in the morning I already think what I am going to do in a very easy way, not stressful. I love talking to people, staff or guests. You don't know what will happen as every day is different." She has met so many people and these relationships continue and make the job unique. "Guests even come here at the restaurant looking for me. We know our guests, we also take notes and keep it in a folder. We love to take care of all the details for them." She considers the job as a lifestyle, a part of her. "The managing job is just to observe and see things, not only from your perspective but from the angle of the employee too. You are standing out and looking in." Jonnique manages over 50 employees with everyone having their different characteristics and believes but they become one when they are here, she says. "Our goal is similar as in the satisfaction of the guests."

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Restaurant Matthew's, coffee shop Santos and M's Crepe Shack are located on the premises of Casa del Mar Beach Resort & Timeshare and part of Dushi Hospitality Group. Matthews's is a family restaurant with stunning ocean view wherever you sit and a nice breeze flowing in. Jonnique: "Matthew's stands pride in its success for eleven and a half years already. Since two years Santos is added, a coffee shop concept with the focus on great service as well. It is a place to unwind early in the morning from 6 AM or end your day relaxed until 9.30 PM. It's not only about coffee, there are fresh soup bowls, served in a bread ball, fresh sandwiches and pastries, a wide tea variation and even wines." M's Crepe Shack is located on the poolside of the resort and open from 7 AM to 5 PM serving smoothies, frozen coffees and most popular: crepes. The choice is big whether you choose the savory or the sweet, the Nutella with bananas or the ham-cheese, brie and salmon, it is up to you. "We also started with the Goshen smoothie, prepared with locally grown cucumbers. We



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A slave for who his freedom was purchased by the Fiscal of the church of Alto Vista in Noord

This slave was telling about his trip over the Atlantic Ocean and how he reached Curacao: "There are good and bad people on this world," Crisostomo started saying: "That one sad day these bad people armed with sabers and rifles came to our small village, Arabs slave traders, who were grabbing anyone they set for to trade them for gold at port. They broke in to my farm and into our house. They destroyed everything in it and had us chained up".



Pic. 1 Arab slave traders

Crisostomo had to stop telling for a while for all emotions returns with sad memories:

"We were treated worse than animals, made us walk the old road to the port. After an hour walking we could hear that more people was joining our group guarded by some twenty armed men. There I could see that the plateau below was filled with many people lined up in chains. Woman and children separated of the men. Approaching the multitude we could start hearing the noise mixed with crying and begging for compassion. I could not watch how they were brutally whipped and others were freed of their suffering with a shot. All this created a paralyzing shock. Flabbergasted and totally terrorized we had no other choice than to survive and keep together.

I could count over two hundred people, captives, traders and hundreds of camels packed with dates, salt and others carried bags full packed with resin for incense on their heads. We followed behind this enormous trading caravan that soon left us behind. Our group was getting larger by the

day. We reached the outskirts of the port city of Oran at dark. The agonizing trip took us five and a half days which I have made in two day many times before. The cargo caravan camped town two days before, close to a lake where we all had to enter, where all the animals were drinking, it was a blessing having a chance washing up and clean ourselves a bit before they took us through the city. There we reached the plaza and loaded immediately on a ship packed all ready with people to be shipped out to the new continent. Many people died during the long march" Crisostomo was transported on a ship called the Jupiter, along with 2,000 other slaves to Curacao, 40 or more slaves were lost at sea, from which many jumped in to the ocean to be swallowed by the waves. "If it was not for Mr. Miguel to have freed me," Crisostomo says, probably they would have killed him in Curacao.

All this revelation was heard by Father Pedro Ramirez, a Catholic priest who lived in Caracas, who occasionally visited Aruba. Since he could understood some French, he could figure out wat happened to Crisostomo's son and wife.

The following year Father Pedro Ramirez wrote a letter to Crisostomo telling him that in Caracas he had found his son Anastacio and that he would send him by ship to Aruba so that they could reunite again. Anastacio could not wait for him to reunite with his father and to tell his story, how he had arrived by boat to La Guajira where the priest Francisco bought his freedom and gave him a place to live in the monastery in Caracas.



Pic. 2 Dutch and Arab slave traders of the Barbary Coast, Mediterranean sea



Pic. 3 Helping the stranded passengers.

One year after Crisostomo re-encountered his son, a ship sailing out of Maracaibo en route to the Dominican Republic, ran aground in the South Western part of the island. People of Noord came over to give assistance. Among the passengers was certain Mr. Morales, a Colombian gentleman, together with his family and two servants. They all were taken to the town of Noord. One of the servants who were traveling with the Mr. Morales and family was Crisosto-

mo's wife and Anastacio's mother Helena Petronilia. This is how an Algerian family reunites in here on our happy island.

Meanwhile, the ship had been repaired, ready to continue its voyage to the Dominican Republic with all its passengers. Morales and his family proposed to Crisostomo and Anastacio to travel with them. There, he gave Helena Petronilia back to Crisostomo, and they lived happily together again. □



Pic. 4 Helena Petronilia.

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Green Light on for Soul Beach



ORANJESTAD — All stars twinkle but some shine just a little bit brighter. Sunday night's Soul Beach Music Festival (SBMF) brought John Legend to the stage and he proved the adage to be true. This performer sings better than his tracks, more intense and yet his performance is so natural. Legend lived up to his name. The opening act was Ella Mai, fresh off her Grammy win for this year's best R&B song. She enchanted the audience with her clear, pure and classic voice. SBF presented another successful series of soul-sational nights.

With the Grammy Award winning song, 'Boo'd Up,' Mai created a chill vibe where you just drifted away with the Aruban trade winds while listening to her. The London-

born songstress moved to New York at the age of twelve and five years later, returned to the UK. Mai said, "That helped me merge two sounds together. I have lived in the American culture in New York and without it being a conscious decision, it does influence my music. In the end however, I think music is universal, no matter where you are."

It would not be fair to compare Ella Mai with the experienced on-stage performer Legend.

He is legend_ary.

Born John Stephens and married to model Chrissy Teigen since 2013, Legend's star power shone extra bright to close out SBF19. Legend is confident with a strong, pure voice and brilliant in holding sway over his public. He played for one



hour and twenty minutes, singing every song effortlessly. He alternated between moving across the stage or singing behind the piano, even once sitting atop the piano, and even invited one lucky fan to dance with him as he belted out, 'Slow Dance.'

To keep the evening simmering, Ella Mai returned to the stage to sing her hit, 'Everything,' featuring Legend.

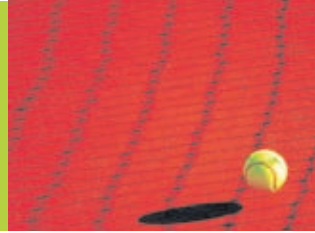
The audience loved him and for Legend, the feeling was mutual. His genuine way gives his fans something to relate to, he doesn't

rise above them. During the interview he was asked, how does he stay this grounded? Legend responded, "I always have been like this, my parents raised me this way. In all the craziness that comes with the fame, I managed to stay peaceful and cool."

SBMF closed down to prepare for another edition in 2020 which will be the 20th in the series. Be sure to follow the excitement and see which hot international stars will be hosting the festival next year. Follow the festival at Facebook Soul Beach Music Festival, www.soul-beach.net and on Instagram. □



SPORTS



AP/CP survey: Players say NHL making progress on concussions

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP Hockey Writer

Jason Dickinson was angry the moment he was pulled from a game to be checked for a concussion. On the receiving end of a hit that warranted a second look, the Dallas Stars forward later realized the precaution wasn't such a bad thing.

"Today's game they're doing a lot, and they are focusing on concussions," Dickinson said. "If you're not feeling fine, then I think it's a great method to kind of keep guys aware that something might be wrong."

The NHL last fall settled a lawsuit with retired players who sued the league and accused it of failing to protect them from head injuries or warning them of the risks involved with playing. Yet progress has been made to the point that almost half of current NHL Players' Association representatives surveyed by The Associated Press and Canadian Press said they believe the league is doing all it can to protect players from concussions.

Fifteen of the 31 player reps said the league is doing what it can. The other 16 were noncommittal.

"It never stops in terms of always trying to learn more, make improvements and always try to do better," Toronto Maple Leafs center John Tavares said. "To just sit there and think, 'Yeah, we're doing enough,' I don't think has ever really been the approach."

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VOILA!



Serena fights back at Roland Garros as Nadal, Djokovic cruise

Serena Williams of the U.S. plays a shot against Vitalia Diatchenko of Russia during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday, May 27, 2019.

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Champion, queen, goddess, mother: Serena wins at French Open

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — This was one mistake too far for Serena Williams.

Sure, the bad backhand put her behind only 15-30 at the outset of the second set of her opening match at Roland Garros on Monday. What made the mis-cue so bothersome? She'd already dropped the first set against 83rd-ranked Vitalia Diatchenko — and Williams' unforced error total already was at 15 on a windy evening.

So she reacted by throwing her head back and letting out a scream. Then she stepped to the baseline to serve and stomped her right foot. And simple as that, Williams righted herself: She won 11 of the next 13 points, and 12 of 13 games the rest of the way, to come back for a disappointing-to-dominant 2-6, 6-1, 6-0 victory at the French Open.

"I just was so frustrated at that point, because I have been training well. The past week and a half has been really good, and, God, it was, like, 'This isn't the Serena I have been practicing with — or that I see every day,'" Williams said afterward. "I just let out this roar, and here I am. Yeah, so maybe that helped."

She arrived on court with a black-and-white jacket bearing words such as "champion," "queen,"



Serena Williams of the U.S. plays a shot against Vitalia Diatchenko of Russia during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday, May 27, 2019.

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"goddess" and "mother" in French.

"Those are things that mean a lot to me and reminders for me — and for everyone that wants to wear it," Williams explained. "Just remind everyone that they can be champions and are queens."

A reporter told Williams those four words are "a lot to carry," to which the 37-year-old American replied: "It is a lot to carry, but so is being Serena Wil-

liams."

She made her return to Grand Slam competition in Paris a year ago after missing five majors because of the birth of her first child. Williams pulled out before the fourth round because of an injured chest muscle, then was the runner-up at both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

Williams came to Paris this time having withdrawn from each of her past two tournaments because of

a balky left knee, and the one before that because of illness. She had played only nine matches all season, and so her pursuit of a record-tying 24th Grand Slam title — fourth at Roland Garros — seemed no sure thing.

That goal seemed even further from her grasp with the way things began in Court Philippe Chatrier against Diatchenko, a Russian who hits two-fisted shots off both sides and upset Maria Sharapova at Wimbledon last year.

"I just got nervous out there and I stopped moving my feet. And (it) was, like, concrete blocks on my feet. I was like, 'You got to do something,'" Williams said. "I was just off, basically. And then instead of correcting it, I just kept getting worse."

Could the nearly impossible happen? Could Williams lose in the first round of a major? She'd only done so once before in 70 Slam appearances — and that happened at the French Open, in 2012.

But once Williams recalibrated everything, she took charge.

One of her good friends, and another former No. 1-ranked player, Caroline Wozniacki, went in the opposite direction Monday, going from playing a perfect set to quickly fading away against an opponent who never previously had

won a Grand Slam match. In a performance emblematic of a difficult season, last year's Australian Open champion bowed out in the first round 0-6, 6-3, 6-3 to 68th-ranked Veronika Kudermetova of Russia.

"Definitely wasn't the best match I've ever played," said the 13th-seeded Wozniacki, who had only 15 winners to Kudermetova's 40. The way-up-then-way-down showing by Wozniacki stretched her losing streak to four matches.

Other seeded players exiting on Day 2 included No. 12 Daniil Medvedev, No. 15 Nikoloz Basilashvili, No. 20 Denis Shapovalov and No. 32 Frances Tiafoe on the men's side, along with No. 18 Julia Goerges on the women's.

Tiafoe, a quarterfinalist at the Australian Open in January, threw up a couple of times and his game came apart late in a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 loss to Filip Krajinovic of Serbia.

"Obviously very depleted and had nothing really in me," said Tiafoe, now 0-4 at Roland Garros.

Before Williams took over the main stadium, Rafael Nadal began his bid for a record 12th championship in Paris and Novak Djokovic got started on his quest for a fourth consecutive major trophy. Both won in straight sets. When it was Williams' turn, she needed a bit to get going. □

Earthquakes' Wondolowski scores 149th and 150th MLS goals



Toronto FC goalkeeper Quentin Westberg punches away a cross as teammate Drew Moor, center, defends San Jose Earthquakes' Chris Wondolowski during the second half of an MLS soccer game against Toronto FC, in Toronto, Sunday, May 26, 2019.

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By The Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Chris Wondolowski scored his 149th and 150th MLS goals in the San Jose Earthquakes' 2-1 victory over Toronto FC on Sunday night.

The MLS career goals leader scored both from close range.

Wondolowski got a yard's separation from Drew Moor and deftly redirected in Cristian Espinoza's cross in the 37th minute to tie it at 1. The go-ahead goal in the 81st minute was a virtual replay, with Espinoza finding Wondolowski in space.

The San Jose striker has six goals in two games. He scored all four goals in a 4-1 victory over Chicago last weekend to surpass Landon Donovan's league record of 145 goals and up his career total to 148. Richie Laryea opened the scoring for Toronto (5-6-2) in the 28th minute.

San Jose (5-6-2) won for the first time in six road games this season.

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KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Johnny Russell had a hat trick and Sporting Kansas City beat Seattle to snap a seven-game winless streak.

Sporting Kansas City (3-4-5) won for the first time since March 30.

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Concussions

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The NHL formed a concussion study group in 1997, cracked down on certain hits after the 2004-05 lock-out, instituted a formal protocol and a rule against head contact in 2010, and added spotters in 2015. While plenty of debate simmers among former players about how much information they were given about the risks of repeated hits to the head, many of those currently in the league believe they are adequately informed.

"The knowledge that we get is about as much as they can send out to us and make us go through at the beginning of the year, learning and being aware of it," said Boston Bruins defenseman Brandon Carlo, who will play in the Stanley Cup Final beginning Monday. "They do a good job on the awareness aspect. I don't know if there's any-

thing else with technology and helmets that you could necessarily do as of right now that we don't know of yet."

Hall of Famer Eric Lindros said he believes concussions in hockey are inevitable because of the speed and physical nature of the sport.

NHL Alumni Association executive director Glenn Healy said it is impossible to eliminate them.

The league and players instead have worked recently toward a balance of prohibiting certain types of hits with in-game penalties and suspensions to curb the kind of behavior that used to be commonplace. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said the effort began with former vice president of player safety Brendan Shanahan and the cultural change of letting up on dangerous hits and shedding the mentality that anyone should just



In this May 26, 2000, file photo, Philadelphia Flyers Eric Lindros, third from right, is assisted after getting hit in the first period of Game 7 of their NHL hockey Eastern Conference finals against the New Jersey Devils in Philadelphia. Lindros could easily be the poster boy for concussions in the NHL given his experience.

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play through a head injury. The league has been steadfast in denying a connection between repeated hits to the head and degenerative brain injuries but has nonetheless pushed changes to better protect players.

"This has been a collaboration of the league and

the Players' Association to focus on player health and safety and to make sure that we're making a game that's played at high speeds in an enclosed environment and is a collision sport, to make it as safe as possible," Bettman said. "As the technology and the science and the medi-

cine evolve, we continue to evolve what we're doing together."

San Jose's Brenden Dillon has noticed significant improvement since he entered the league in 2012.

"Not just the health people but the coaching staff, the trainers, the strength and conditioning coaches, they're all pretty aware of things in regards to concussions and they're pretty good about taking their time and making sure guys are healthy before they come back," Dillon said. "This is a game we play, a life we've chosen but at the same time we want to have a life after."

Several players praised the addition of concussion spotters who can request players be pulled from a game in progress. It has caused plenty of consternation from competitive athletes who think they're good to go, but, like seat-belt and motorcycle helmet laws, it serves to protect players from themselves. □

Chirinos pulled after 5 no-hit innings, Rays beat Blue Jays

By MARK DIDTLER

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) —

Tampa Bay's plan to use an opener was derailed by recent heavy bullpen use.

Yonny Chirinos showed that fill-in starters, even on a pitch count, can be an excellent replacement.

Chirinos was pulled after five no-hit innings and the Rays went on to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-3 on Monday.

"It wasn't (hard) at all," Rays manager Kevin Cash said of taking Chirinos out. "We're going to prioritize the guy's health and be responsible with them."

Chirinos (6-1) made his 11th appearance and fifth start this season. Oliver Drake relieved to begin the sixth and gave up a leadoff single to Luke Maile.

"I don't even think I knew he had a no-hitter until the fans starting booing after Drake gave up a hit," Cash said.

In addition to his starts, Chirinos sometimes comes in after an opener and is averaging five innings an outing. He struck out seven and walked two during a 69-pitch outing, one short of his projected limit.

"I've always been most comfortable as a starter," Chirinos said through a translator. "But this team has confidence in me to come in the (reliever) role



Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Yonny Chirinos delivers to the Toronto Blue Jays during the first inning of a baseball game Monday, May 27, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

and I've just got to prepare accordingly."

Five Rays relievers completed a four-hitter.

Austin Meadows homered and drove in three runs for the Rays, who remain two games behind the AL East-leading New York Yankees despite going a season-high 13 games over .500.

Aaron Sanchez (4-4) gave up one run and six hits before leaving after the third inning because of a problem on the fingernail on his right middle finger. The oft-injured right-hander left his

start on May 17 in the fourth inning with a right middle finger blister.

"Hopefully it's nothing too serious," Sanchez said. "Obviously it affected me today. I couldn't really grip the ball, but I don't think it's going to be anything big." Jonathan Davis hit his first major league homer that got the Blue Jays within 4-2 in the seventh.

Toronto, which has lost 19 of 26, also got a ninth-inning solo homer by Freddy Galvis.

Meadows, who had three

hits, had an RBI single in the second and added a two-run homer during a four-run eighth. He has seven hits over his last two games.

Jacob Waguespack made his major league debut after replacing Sanchez and allowed Tommy Pham's RBI double and Ji-Man Choi's run-scoring single during a three-run fourth that made it 4-0.

Choi circled the bases on his hit after catcher Maile's attempt to throw him out trying to advance to second sailed into center field.

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Waguespack allowed three runs, three hits and struck out seven in four innings. Plans to have him finish the game were shelved because of shoulder stiffness.

Charlie Montoyo, who was on Cash's coaching staff the previous four seasons, returned to Tropicana Field for the first time as Blue Jays manager.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Blue Jays: Rookie Cavan Biggio is among those impacted by a flu bug working its way around clubhouse and was the DH. 1B Justin Smoak is also ill.

Rays: RHP Tyler Glasnow, 6-1 before straining his right forearm earlier this month, admits he was "frustrated" when moved from the 10- to 60-day IL Sunday. He resumed playing catch but now is not eligible to return until July 10. ... C Mike Zunino (strained left quadriceps) is nearing a rehab assignment. ... INF Joey Wendle (broken right wrist) is hitting off a tee and playing catch at 90 feet.

GOLD GLOVE

Rays CF Kevin Kiermaier took an extra-base hit away from Rowdy Tellez with a leaping catch into the wall in the fourth.

"Another day at the office," Cash said. "You get spoiled because if it stays in the park you think he's going to catch it." □

Pedroia taking leave; injured Red Sox 2B may not play again



In this April 11, 2019, file photo, Boston Red Sox's Dustin Pedroia follows through on an RBI-single against the Toronto Blue Jays during the third inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston.

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By KEN POWTAK

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia will take an "indefinite leave" in his long struggle to recover from knee trouble, putting in doubt whether he'll play again in the majors.

The 35-year-old Pedroia has tried the past two seasons to fully return from surgery on his left knee. At a news conference Monday at Fenway Park, Red Sox President of Baseball Operations Dave Dombrowski called it an "indefinite leave at this point." Boston put the longtime star on the 60-day injured list.

Pedroia said "time will give me the right answer if my knee can do this."

The gritty 2008 AL MVP had surgery on Oct. 25, 2017 and played in just three games last season. This year, he's played in only six games, getting two singles in 20 at-bats.

"You don't know the end result and that part's hard," he said. "So that's why a little reflection right now, I need to re-evaluate, go home, chill out and see how everything responds." Indians manager Terry Francona, who was with the Red Sox from 2004-11 and won a World Series title with Pedroia in 2007, talked

with the second baseman earlier in the day. Cleveland is in Boston for a three-game series.

"He came over this morning for about a half hour," Francona said. "I think he's in a pretty good place. I think, I don't want to speak for him, but I think he knows he emptied his tank. He didn't leave any stone unturned. He probably gave more than he should, and his body is feeling it now. I don't think he has any regrets - nor should he." "I'm going to go home for a little bit to be with my family, kind of get away for a little bit and then we'll figure it out from there," he said. □



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Truex overcomes early problems to win Coca-Cola 600

By PETE IACOBELLI

AP Sports Writer

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) —

Martin Truex Jr. gave team owner Joe Gibbs another reason to celebrate at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Truex overcame an early flat tire after hitting the wall, then broke to the front on a wild final restart and won the Coca-Cola 600 for the second time in four seasons Sunday night.

It was the perfect cap to a landmark week for Gibbs and his race team. The three-time Super Bowl champion coach was voted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame on Wednesday, along with two of his race team's championship drivers in Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart.

But according to Gibbs, it was Truex, in his first season with JGR, who delivered the program's biggest moment.

"What was Wednesday?"

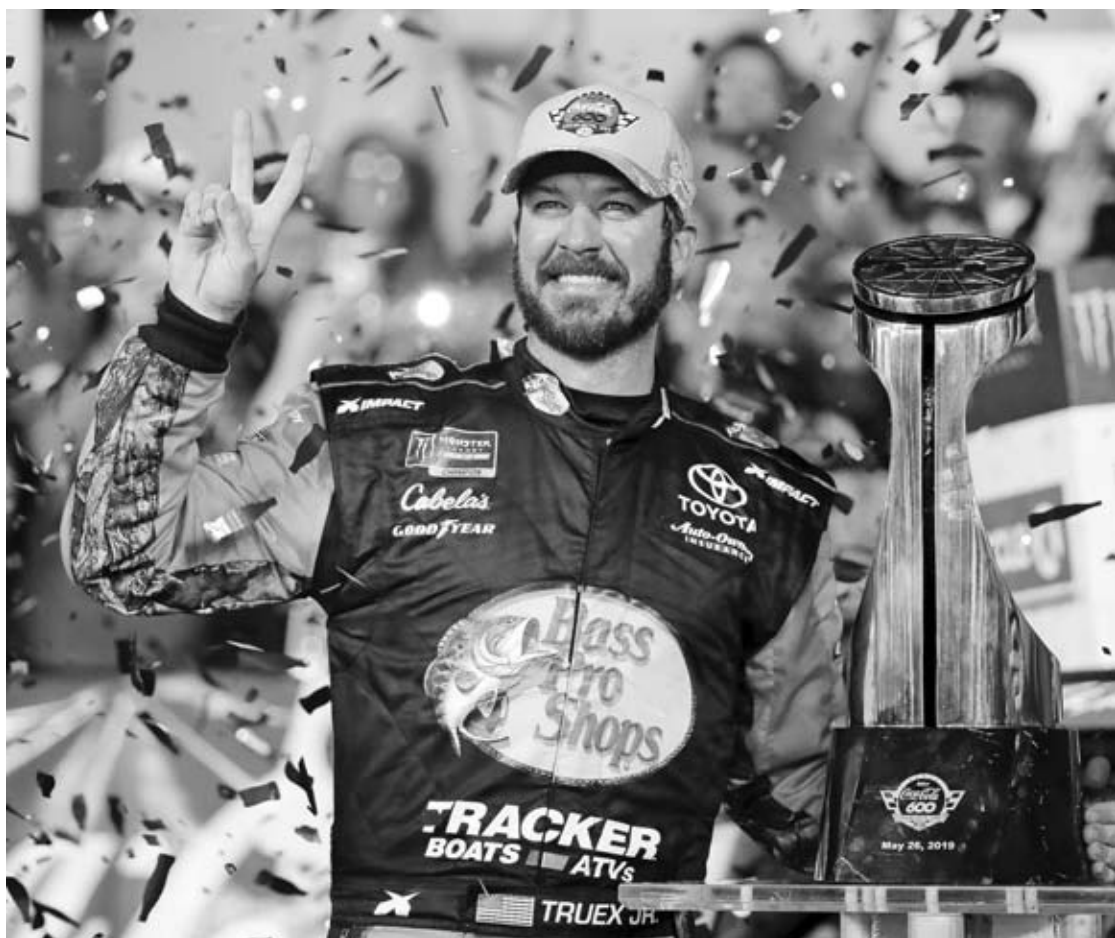
Gibbs responded when asked if the race victory was bigger than the Hall of Fame.

Gibbs broke into laughter when reminded about his honor. "Obviously, I'm excited about tonight," he said with a smile.

And Truex provided much of the excitement.

He slid into the Turn 4 wall during the first stage of NASCAR's longest event, damaging his tire and seemingly putting his chances in serious jeopardy. But crew chief Cole Pearn radioed his driver that things were not that bad and to stay calm and remain focused. "I thought, 'We're done. How we going to fix this thing?'" Truex said. "I didn't know how bad it was, (but) the guys worked hard, fixed it up."

That steadied Truex the rest of the way, especially near



Martin Truex Jr. poses with the trophy in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Sunday, May 26, 2019.

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the end when he drove low during a four-wide fight for the lead on the final restart at Charlotte Motor Speedway. He had an easier time in the 2016 race when he led 392 of 400 laps.

Truex sprang out low and shot into the front past Kyle Busch, Ryan Newman and David Ragan, who stretched four across the track. "You just never know what can happen," said Truex, who led 116 laps this time.

Truex held off defending series champion and Team Penske driver Joey Logano — and again prevent owner Roger Penske from becoming the first to helm winners at the Indianapolis 500 and Coca-Cola 600 on motorsports biggest day.

Things began with Lewis Hamilton's rousing win in the Monaco Grand Prix, which he dedicated to his

late friend and champion driver Niki Lauda. Next, Simon Pagnaud gave Penske his 18th Indy 500 victory in a thrilling duel over the final laps with Alexander Rossi.

"For us, it's the wildest race we've ever won," Pearn said.

Truex was happy to provide his boss another win. "To think a guy can be in the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the NASCAR Hall of Fame just tells you how special (Gibbs) is and I'm super honored to drive for him," Truex said.

Pearn said the car was seriously damaged by the early run into the wall and it took several trips to the pits to fix the issues. Still, in victory lane, Pearn couldn't believe his team came out on top.

"It was crazy to see the car be that good and be that

banged up," he said.

Penske driver Brad Keselowski won the first two stages and appeared to have the strongest car. But he slipped to the middle of the pack during the third 100-lap segment and never challenged for the victory. He finished 19th.

Busch was third, Chase Elliott fourth and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. fifth.

Logano said Truex had the faster car in the race. If Logano had gotten to Truex's outside, he may have a chance to move in front, he said. Truex "knew the same thing," Logano said. "He did a good job defending his position."

TAKE CAUTION: There were 16 cautions in the Coca-Cola 600, the most at this event in 14 years. The slow-downs included breaks between stages, but slowed things enough that the

event took more than five hours to complete.

ALL-STAR ISSUE: All-Star race winner Kyle Larson had hoped to build off his \$1 million-winning run at Charlotte a week ago in the 600. Instead, he lost grip in the final stage, hit Clint Bowyer to start a wreck that collected seven drivers. Larson said the fault was his. "Up and down day for us," Larson said. "I finally put myself in a good spot for about a lap and I screwed that up." Larson has not won a NASCAR points race since Richmond in September 2017, a span of 59 races.

GIBBS' TIRE PROBLEMS: It wasn't a completely perfect week for Joe Gibbs Racing. While Gibbs made the NASCAR Hall of Fame this week (along with two of his championship drivers in Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart), their Toyotas had some on-track problems. Erik Jones was out of the race after just 22 laps when his car slid hard into the wall and damaged his right front tire. Truex hit the wall on lap 74 while out front with a two-second lead.

It was Denny Hamlin's turn in the second stage as he hit the wall while near the front. Hamlin spun out again on the final lap to finish 17th.

In the Xfinity race Saturday, Gibbs' racer Christopher Bell won the pole and led 33 of the first 49 laps when he brushed the wall, hit tire caught fire and he couldn't continue.

NEVER FORGET: NASCAR held a moment of remembrance for military personnel who lost their lives in service as cars were led into the pits and halted. Drivers turned off their engines and fans stood quietly during 30 seconds of silence as part of the Memorial Day solemn ceremonies. □

Bronte Law shoots 67 in wire-to-wire win at Kingsmill

By HANK KURZ Jr.

AP Sports Writer

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) —

Bronte Law was scuffling, missing fairways off the tee and scrambling for pars while a host of challengers tried to play catch-up.

A 15-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole finally brought relief.

"It was definitely a relief," she said after winning the Pure Silk Championship on Sunday for her first career PGA Tour victory.

"I'd hit a really good putt on the previous hole before and it kind of hit a spike mark," she said about her sixth consecutive par. "I thought it was middle center and didn't make that one."

Law closed with a 3-under 67 to win by two shots.

The 24-year-old Englishwoman, a former star at UCLA, held a share of the lead after all four rounds and finished with a 17-under 267 total on the River Course at the Kingsmill Resort.

"It was a grind," Law said. Madelene Sagstrom, Brooke Henderson and third-round co-leader Nasa Hataoka tied for second. Sagstrom shot 66, Henderson 68 and Hataoka 69.

Law, who came from 10 shots back on the last day to get into a playoff in the PGA Medihealth Championship three weeks ago in Daly City, California,



Bronte Law, of England, holds the winner's trophy after winning the Pure Silk Championship golf tournament at Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Va., Sunday, May 26, 2019.

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doubled her lead with the birdie on No. 16. Two-putt pars on the last two holes capped the victory in her 56th career start.

"It feels surreal to be honest after coming so close," she said.

It is also, she said, a nice way to finish the week leading up to the U.S. Women's Open next week in Charleston, South Carolina.

After the close call, "to be in contention and (for it) to be that very next time out playing was really cool and shows me that I can com-

pete at the top on a weekly basis, which is the whole goal out there," she said. "This was the perfect way to prepare, I guess."

Sagstrom's approach to the par-4 18th hit the flagstick, bounced straight down and then bounded well away. She then two-putted, preserving Law's lead.

While her ball was in flight, Sagstrom said, she was thinking, "Oh, that looks really, really good. Then I heard it hit and I was like, 'Please don't bounce off.'

I was like, I mean, I couldn't hit it more perfect.

"I was excited about the shot anyway."

Wei-Ling Hsu, who had an eagle, seven birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey in a 66, finished fifth.

Law got a nice break on the par-4 eighth hole when she hit her drive well right, but it bounced off a steep slope back into the center of the fairway. She hit her approach to 6 feet and made it to lead by three, then hit three more drives well right, but lost just one

shot. Sagstrom, also seeking her first career victory, got within one at No. 15 with a birdie, but missed makeable birdie putts on the next two holes before the bad luck on the finishing hole.

Henderson was a non-factor for most of the day, with 14 pars and one birdie in her first 15 holes before birdies at Nos. 16 and 18.

"To shoot 3 under on a Sunday and be that close to the leaderboard and know that you left some out there is a good thing," she said. "So definitely just looking forward to the rest of the summer. 'I think this was a good way to lead into the U.S. Open next week.'"

Hataoka, who lost here in a playoff with Ariya Jutanugarn last year, also climbed into tie for second-place tie with a closing birdie. Hsu at one point climbed into a share of second, but the par-5 15th, which she had eagled the last two days, ended her bid. She hit her second shot right of the green and well past — out of bounds — and eventually two-putted for a double bogey. She birdied Nos. 16 and 18.

Cristie Kerr, the only three-time champion, had the top round of the week, coming within one shot of the course record with a 63. She just missed a birdie putt at the par-4 18th to finish at 11 under. □



In this April 24, 2019, file photo, Washington Capitals center Evgeny Kuznetsov (92), of Russia, stands on the ice during the second period of Game 7 of an NHL hockey first-round playoff series against the Carolina Hurricanes in Washington.

Associated Press

Capitals investigating Kuznetsov video showing white powder

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

The Washington Capitals said Monday they have confirmed star Evgeny Kuznetsov is shown in a now-deleted video on social media that appears to show him in a hotel room with lines of white powder on a table in front of him.

In a statement sent to The Associated Press by spokesman Sergey Kocharov, the team says it is in the process of gathering facts and will have no further comment at this time.

The video posted on Twitter

carried a message saying it was why Russia lost in the world hockey championship semifinals. It showed Kuznetsov talking to someone and lines of white powder and American dollar bills can be seen on the table. Kuznetsov does not touch anything on the table in the 22-second video. In a statement to Russian news outlet Sport Express, Kuznetsov said the video is from 2018 in Las Vegas after the Capitals won the Stanley Cup. In that statement, Kuznetsov said he went to a friend's hotel room, saw

drugs and an "unknown women," called a friend and left.

The 27-year-old Kuznetsov was Washington's leading scorer in the playoffs when it won the Stanley Cup a year ago.

This season, the Russian center had 72 points in 76 games but just one goal during a first-round loss to Carolina.

Asked about the video before Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final, Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said the NHL would not have any definitive comments Monday. □

Bill Buckner, forever known for October error, dies at 69

BOSTON (AP) — Bill Buckner, a star hitter who became known for making one of the most infamous plays in major league history, died Monday. He was 69. He died after a long battle with Lewy body dementia, Buckner's family said in a statement. The disease causes Alzheimer's-like symptoms along with movement and other problems. "Bill fought with courage and grit as he did all things in life," his family said. Buckner won an NL batting title, was an All-Star and got 2,715 hits in a 22-year career. He was long considered a gritty player, a gamer who would be welcome on any team. A reliable fielder, too. But it was a little groundball in the 1986 World Series that forever changed his legacy. Trying for their first crown since 1918, the Boston Red Sox led the New York Mets 5-3 going into the bottom of the 10th inning in Game 6 at Shea Stadium. The Mets tied it with two outs., then Mookie Wilson hit a trickler up the first base line

that rolled through Buckner's legs, an error that let Ray Knight rush home from second base with the winning run. The Red Sox lost 8-5 in Game 7, and their World Series drought continued until they won the championship in 2004. In the aftermath of Boston's near-miss, Buckner became a target of fans in New England and beyond, with his misplay shown over and over on highlight reels. Buckner was released by the Red Sox the following summer, went on to play for the Angels and Royals, and returned to Boston for his final season in 1990, playing 22 games. In 2008, Buckner accepted an invitation to throw out the first ball for the home opener at Fenway Park as the Red Sox celebrated winning another title. Buckner drew loud cheers as he walked from the Green Monster in left field to the mound, and made his ceremonial toss to former teammate Dwight Evans. Buckner said the moment was "probably about

as emotional as it could get." "I really had to forgive," he said later that day, "not the fans of Boston per se, but I would have to say, in my heart, I had to forgive the media for what they put me and my family through. So I've done that. I'm over that. And I'm just happy that I just try to think of the positive. The happy things." "You can look at that Series and point fingers in a whole bunch of different directions," Buckner said. "We did the best we could to win there and it just didn't happen and I didn't feel like I deserved" so much blame. Cleveland manager Terry Francona was the Red Sox skipper that afternoon at Fenway. On Monday, with the Indians set to play in Boston, Francona reflected on that experience. "I thought it was kind of a healing moment, it seemed, for a lot of people and for him, I hope," Francona said. "You have to be up here to understand how people take things that happen. I thought



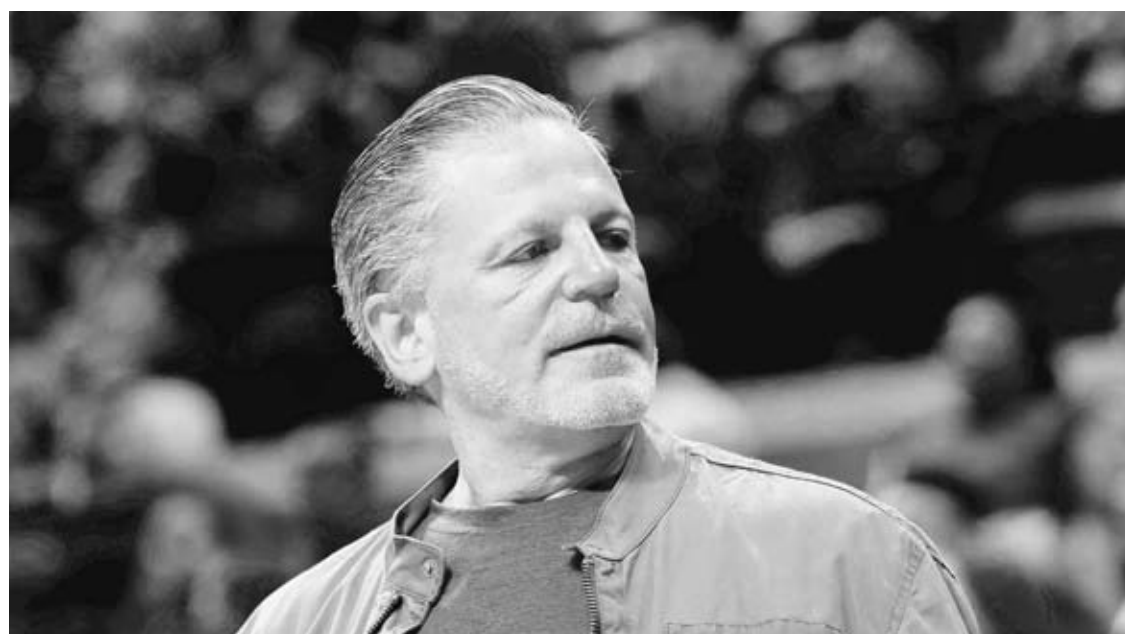
In this Oct. 25, 1986, file photo, Boston Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner misplays the ball during during Game 6 of the World Series against the New York Mets.

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that was a really cool moment." Buckner lived in Boise, Idaho, after he finished playing. He was the hitting coach for the Chicago Cubs' minor league affiliate in Boise in 2012-13, owned three car dealerships and several commercial properties in Idaho. Cubs chairman Tom Ricketts called Buckner a "great ballplayer and beloved member of the Cubs family." Buckner also became friendly with Wilson, who hit that grounder. While Buckner was long criticized for

the error, many in baseball contend that even if the ball had been handled cleanly, the speedy Wilson would have beaten it anyway. Buckner made his big league debut with the Dodgers at 19 in 1969, was a batting champ with the Cubs and played until he was 40. He had a career .289 average and over 100 RBIs in three seasons, twice with Boston. Buckner finished with 174 home runs and 1,208 RBIs. He is survived by his wife, Jody, two daughters and one son. □

Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert recovering after stroke symptoms



In an Oct. 12, 2018, file photo, Quicken Loans and Rock Ventures founder Dan Gilbert is seen during a basketball game in East Lansing, Mich.

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cavaliers owner and billionaire businessman Dan Gilbert is recovering after suffering symptoms of a stroke and

seeking hospital care. Officials with Detroit-based Quicken Loans said in a statement that Gilbert "received immediate medical attention and is currently recovering comfortably"

after going to a Detroit-area hospital early Sunday with "stroke-like symptoms." Gilbert is the company's founder and chairman. No other details were provided on Gilbert's condi-

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tion, a diagnosis or prognosis. The company said Gilbert's family requests privacy at this time. Gilbert has owned the Cavs since 2005. The 57-year-old introduced new Cavs coach John Beilein at a press conference Tuesday at the team's training facility in Independence, Ohio. His hospitalization comes a month before his Rocket Mortgage is to host Detroit's first PGA Tour event. It also follows his launch of a ballot drive just days earlier to push auto insurance reform in Michigan. The state Legislature passed a landmark insurance reform bill Friday. While best known as the Cavs' sometimes outspoken owner, Gilbert is connected to numerous business ventures that have propelled urban

recoveries in Detroit and Cleveland. Under his ownership, the Cavs have gone to five NBA Finals and won the championship in 2016, the first major sports title for any Cleveland franchise since 1964. Gilbert famously wrote a scathing letter to Cavs fans after superstar LeBron James left as a free agent in 2010. But the two men patched up their differences, which led to James resigning with his home state team in 2014. Beyond his business ties, Gilbert has been deeply involved in raising millions to fight neurofibromatosis, a rare genetic nerve disorder that afflicted his 23-year-old son, Nick. The younger Gilbert had surgery last year to remove a brain tumor. Gilbert and wife Jennifer have five children. □

California show explores Warhol's social, tech foreshadowing

By KATIE OYAN

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Before Instagram and Facebook, before selfies and filters that perfect selfies, there was Andy Warhol, using his art to imbue friends, family, celebrities — even himself — with a certain mystique.

A retrospective of Warhol's work on display in San Francisco captures the artist's ability to use paintings, drawings, photographs and other mediums to create buzz-worthy personas the way people do now using social media.

The idea of personal branding, "of how we can be who we want to be," was something Warhol was trading on more than a half-century ago, said Donna De Salvo, deputy director for international initiatives and senior curator at New York's Whitney Museum of American Art, where the exhibit originated. "He had a real understanding of something about American culture, which is now more global."

"Andy Warhol — From A to B and Back Again" opened this week at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and runs through Sept. 2. It includes more than 300 works spanning Warhol's 40-year career.

The show features some of the artist's most iconic



In this photo taken Wednesday, May 15, 2019, a woman records one of a series of self portraits at the exhibition, "Andy Warhol _ From A to B and Back Again", in San Francisco.

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creations — depictions of Campbell's soup cans and Brillo boxes, for instance, and silkscreen portraits of Elizabeth Taylor, Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley and others — along with lesser-known pieces from his early and later years. It next travels to the Art Institute of Chicago.

"Warhol is constantly labeled a pop artist, but all that happened within three or four years, and then he moved on and the work goes quite dark and explores questions of gender and sexual identity, fame, subcultures," said

Gary Garrels, Elise S. Haas senior curator of painting and sculpture for the San Francisco museum.

The show's title comes from Warhol's 1975 memoir in which he touches on key themes from his work, such as celebrity, money and love. The artist died in 1987 at age 58.

De Salvo said the San Francisco museum's team "really enlightened me in terms of thinking about Warhol through the lens of social media."

It's a common thread throughout the show.

"When you see some of the

rooms, particularly the portraits, we really conceptualized it in a way of thinking about Facebook," she said. Warhol's understanding of the power of images to create identity and aura can be traced to his early years, after he moved to New York in 1949 and got a job as a commercial illustrator. He did work for publications such as *Mademoiselle* and *Glamour* magazine.

"That idea of marketing and all the things we take for granted was just something Warhol was immersed in," De Salvo said. "And he was just such a sponge

in his capacity to absorb things."

In 1963, he was commissioned to do his first portrait, of modern-art collector Ethel Redner Scull.

The artist took Scull to a photo booth in New York, gave her a stack of coins and said, "Pose," Garrels said. She took 300 pictures, looking playful, pensive and everything in between. "From that, he makes this painting," De Salvo said: "Ethel Scull 36 Times," a brightly colored montage of images that anticipated modern-day selfies and Instagram posts.

"You feel each moment," De Salvo said. "I think it's really one of Warhol's great commissioned portraits."

Warhol went on to do hundreds of portraits. They provide a window into his social network, which included friends, family members, lovers, musicians, actors, athletes and world leaders. De Salvo also notes the "multiplicity of images" in Warhol's work.

"This is where he's such a genius of permutation — that he could create so many iterations of an image in an analog way, where now there's a software program to do that," she said. "There's so many different ways. There's a 'Warholizer.' He so anticipated what technology would bring about." □

Overwatch League commissioner leaving to work on Fortnite

By JAKE SEINER

AP Sports Writer

Overwatch League Commissioner Nate Nanzer is leaving the competitive video game circuit to oversee esports competition for Fortnite publisher Epic Games.

Nanzer tweeted he will be moving on from Activision Blizzard, the company behind the Overwatch game and league, for a "new opportunity." He didn't provide further details or a firm timeline except to say he'll be leaving "soon." Epic Games told ESPN they had agreed to hire Nanzer, who will try to help to turn the world's most popular video



In this July 28, 2018, file photo, fans watch the competition between the Philadelphia Fusion and the London Spitfire during the Overwatch League Grand Finals, at Barclays Center in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

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game into a sustainable sport.

Activision Blizzard says Nan-

zer will be replaced by Pete Vlastelica, President and CEO of Activision Blizzard

Esports Leagues.

Nanzer was integral in launching the Overwatch League, a global endeavor with franchises in 20 cities across Asia, North America and Europe that compete in the 6 vs. 6 first-person computer game. Nanzer was working in Blizzard's marketing department when he hatched the idea for the league, and he has been its only commissioner. The Overwatch League's first season was a smashing success. It filled Brooklyn's Barclays Center for a two-night championship in July, becoming the first live esports broadcast in prime time on ESPN and winning

the Esports Live Event of the Year at the Esports Awards in November. The league's initial investors included professional sports owners like the New England Patriots' Robert Kraft, New York Mets' Jeff Wilpon and Los Angeles Rams' Stan Kroenke, and the league had unprecedented success pulling in non-endemic sponsorships to the burgeoning industry.

The league is set to fulfill Nanzer's ultimate vision by launching a global home-and-away format next season. The majority of its regular season matches so far have been held in Southern California. □

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Watch your credit card rewards pile up with these 5 tips

By ROBIN SAKS FRANKEL
Associated Press

Just because summer's approaching doesn't mean your wallet gets a vacation. From graduation season and Father's Day to the Fourth of July and back-to-school spending, you'll likely drop some dollars.

Rewards-earning credit cards can help you save on these expenses — but you can also combine those rewards with other money-saving strategies to help you hang on to even more of your cash.

Here are five such "stacking" strategies for your credit card.

1. CHECK YOUR ACCOUNT FOR OFFERS

Some card issuers have online bonus malls — accessible via account login — that offer discounts or higher rewards rates at hundreds of merchants, on top of what your card already earns.

"I recently bought new outdoor furniture and a gas firepit, and I logged into Chase, clicked through the portal to Lowe's, and got an extra 3 points per dollar spent," says Holly Johnson, founder of Club Thrifty, a personal finance blog dedicated to saving money.

You can also check for one-time or limited-time promotions that are specific to your card. Chase Offers and AmEx Offers, for example, are visible to eligible cardholders when logged in. They feature discounts or bonus rewards at



In this Jan. 31, 2018, file photo, an assortment of credit cards and rewards cards are shown in Zelienople, Pa.

dozens of retailers, including many brick-and-mortar merchants, although you must opt in by "adding" the offer to your card.

2. SIGN UP FOR A RETAILER'S EMAIL LIST

Ever had a salesperson offer you a discount on the spot if you sign up for the store's credit card? Similarly, when you're shopping online, many stores will offer you a percentage off your first order if you sign up for an email list, so snag that discount on top of your normal credit card rewards.

Or maybe it's free shipping you want. Seventy-five percent of consumers now expect it even on orders below \$50, according to a report by the National Retail

Federation. Signing up to receive a retailer's emails can be one way to get free shipping, at least on your first purchase. (Note that retailers charge different prices for shipping and may not add that cost to your total until it's in your cart.) Another way to dodge shipping charges: Buy online, preferably through an online bonus mall, and pick up in store. This may also require you to submit your email address and be added to a mailing list. But agreeing to receive correspondence from a retailer is much easier than signing up for a store card. If those emails start getting overwhelming, just unsubscribe.

3. USE CASH-BACK SITES

WITH A CASH-BACK CARD

Cash-back sites like Ebates, TopCashBack or BeFrugal function much like online bonus malls, but they're not tied to any particular card issuer.

When you join one of these portals and log in, you'll see hundreds of participating retailers, as well as the percentage back that those retailers offer for shopping through that portal. Click on the offer you want, and you'll be directed to that merchant's website to shop.

You'll get a percentage back on your purchase by using your rewards card and an additional percentage back from shopping through the portal.

4. BUY DISCOUNTED GIFT CARDS TO THE PLACES YOU SHOP

Gift cards remain popular: 45% of respondents in NRF's 2019 Mother's Day Spending Survey said they were planning to purchase them.

There are two approaches to saving money via gift cards. First, you can buy them at a place where you already earn elevated rewards for shopping. For example, if you have a card that pays high rewards on supermarket purchases, pick up a gift card for your favorite retailer while you're getting those groceries. You'll earn the same high rewards as you would on your milk, eggs and bread. Your other option is to use a rewards credit card to buy gift cards through an exchange site like GiftCardGranny or Raise, where people sell their unwanted gift cards at a lower-than-face-value price. You'll save on the card itself, plus you'll get a percentage back on the purchase via your rewards card.

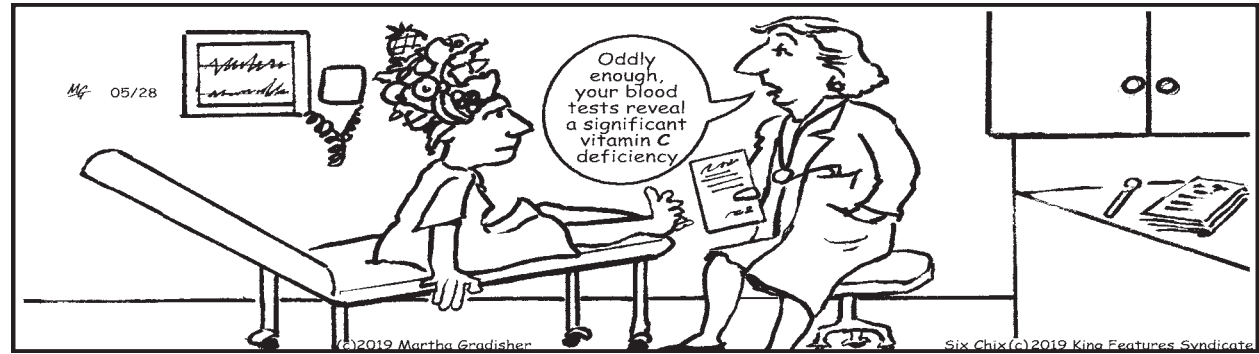
5. TRACK PRICES ACROSS DIFFERENT SELLERS

Before you shop with a specific retailer through a bonus mall or cash-back site, it pays to compare. Consider using tracking tools like CamelCamelCamel, which focuses on Amazon prices, or sites like PriceGrabber and Google Shopping to see which retailer is offering what you're looking for at the lowest price. □

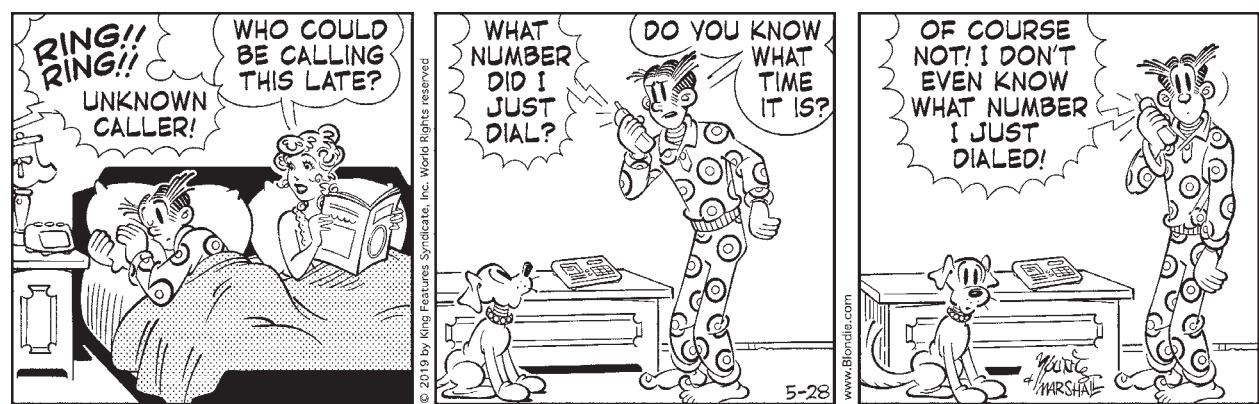
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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

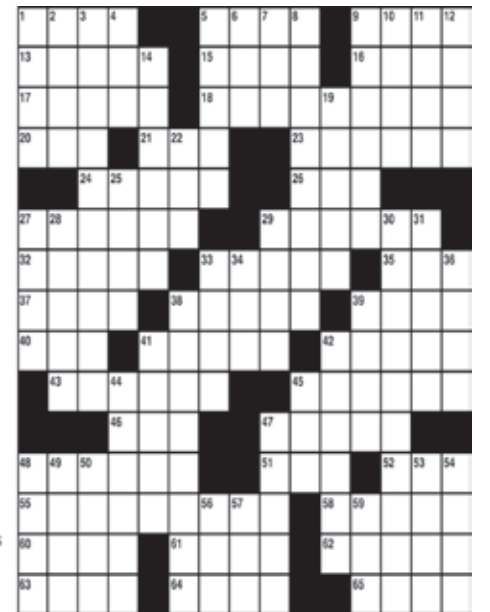
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ACROSS

- 1 Huge continent
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- 13 Iraq's dollar
- 15 Funeral notice
- 16 Pulley attachment
- 17 __ blink; not working
- 18 Removes from the field of play
- 20 __ mask; knit facial covering
- 21 Lemon meringue __
- 23 Rat or gopher
- 24 Complains
- 26 Worn-out horse
- 27 Minor facts
- 29 Tendons
- 32 Equestrian
- 33 BBQ attachments
- 35 Sup
- 37 As wise __ owl
- 38 Linger
- 39 Seymour or Pauley
- 40 Teacher's favorite
- 41 James Earl __
- 42 Terra-__ orange clay
- 43 Happens again
- 45 Deadly
- 46 Lung contents
- 47 Mister Ed, for one
- 48 Rare
- 51 Suffix for doctor or passion
- 52 Winnebago, for short
- 55 Cabinetmaker
- 58 Fess up
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- 64 Nimble
- 65 In a __; quickly

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- 11 __-and-shut case
- 12 "Father Knows __"
- 14 Fix
- 19 Sums borrowed
- 22 __ flash; instantly
- 25 Kiln
- 27 Pitfall
- 28 Staircase piece
- 29 Gentlemen
- 30 Meteorologist
- 31 Yuletide visitor
- 33 Without
- 34 Prefix for heat or paid
- 36 Small duck

- 38 Violent rushes of water
- 39 __ down; makes a note of
- 41 Fruit drink
- 42 Breakfast choice
- 44 Rug
- 45 "Thanks a __!"
- 47 Robust
- 48 Glencoe native
- 49 Walking stick
- 50 Rainbows
- 53 Passport stamp
- 54 Ladder rung
- 56 Spinning toy
- 57 Cochlea's place
- 59 __ Moines

Grizzly bears push into lowland areas as legal fight drags

By MATTHEW BROWN

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) —

Grizzly bears are spreading into new areas of the U.S. Northern Rockies, expanding from remote wilderness and into farmland amid a legal fight over proposed hunting.

New government data from grizzly population monitoring show bruins in the Yellowstone area of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho expanded their range by about 1,500 square miles (3,900 square kilometers) over the past two years.

They now occupy almost 27,000 square miles (69,000 square kilometers), a range that has grown 34 percent in the past decade.

That means more bears on private lands where they can encounter humans and attack livestock, said Frank van Manen with the U.S. Geological Survey.



This April 29, 2019 photo provided by the United States Geological Survey shows a grizzly bear and a cub along the Gibbon River in Yellowstone National Park, Wyo.

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Run-ins with bears are happening in agricultural areas where the fearsome animals hadn't been seen for decades, raising tensions in communities over the grizzly's status as a federally protected species in the U.S. outside Alaska.

"Not all grizzly bears are livestock killers, but of course it only takes a few

to do potentially quite a bit of killing," van Manen said. Wyoming and Idaho officials proposed grizzly hunts last year, but they were blocked by a judge's ruling. Government attorneys on Friday asked an appeals court to overturn part of that ruling. The case could take months or even years to decide. □

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Army Corps approves \$778M plan to block Asian carp advance

By JOHN FLESHER

AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP)

— The head of the Army Corps of Engineers has sent Congress a \$778 million plan to fortify an Illinois waterway with noisemakers, electric cables and other devices in the hope that they will prevent Asian carp from reaching the Great Lakes, where the aggressive invaders could leave other fish with too little to eat.

Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite on Thursday approved the plan to install defenses at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam near Joliet, Illinois, about 40 miles from Lake Michigan. The site is a crucial choke point in an aquatic pathway between the lake and the carp-infested Illinois River.

The plan represents a compromise between proposals to erect barriers that would seal off Lake Michigan from the river and less drastic measures such as stepped-up commercial fishing.

Environmentalists and states including Michigan had argued for physical separation, while Illinois and Indiana contended that it would disrupt cargo shipping and that a Chicago-area electric barrier was keeping the carp at bay. Although only a few live



In this June 13, 2012, file photo, Asian carp, jolted by an electric current from a research boat, jump from the Illinois River near Havana, Ill.

Asian carp have been found past the barrier, the fish's DNA has turned up there as recently as April, when water samples were taken from Chicago's Lake Calumet. The Corps says the leading edge of adult bighead and silver carp — the most feared of several Asian species because they gorge on plankton that other fish need — is about four miles from the Brandon Road complex.

"The Brandon Road project is the only shot we have to get additional protections in place to stop the carp,"

said Marc Smith of the National Wildlife Federation. "It will significantly reduce the risk."

The plan calls for installing a gantlet of technologies intended to repel approaching fish, including additional electric barriers and underwater speakers that would blast loud noises, plus an "air bubble curtain." A specially designed "flushing lock" would wash away carp that might be floating on the water as vessels pass through.

Semonite's endorsement came more than five years

after the Army Corps offered a series of options for blocking the carp's advance.

It's now up to Congress to decide whether to authorize the project and provide most of the funding. A pending House bill recommends \$3.8 million for preconstruction, engineering and design work in 2020. The expected completion date is March 2027.

"With the Asian Carp on the doorstep of our region's most vital natural resource, we have a small window of time to stop this invasive

species before it inflicts irreparable damage on our Great Lakes and our \$7 billion fishing industry and equally important tourism industry," said Rep. Marcy Kaptur, an Ohio Democrat who chairs the Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

Republican Reps. Paul Mitchell and Bill Huizenga of Michigan also pledged support.

Bipartisan teamwork will be essential, particularly given the plan's escalating cost, said Molly Flanagan of the Alliance for the Great Lakes.

A draft released in 2017 estimated that the project would cost \$275 million. The final version put the price tag at \$778 million, and that would be under an "expedited" scenario in which the various technologies would be installed at the same time. It could reach \$832 million under an alternative "phased" strategy, spokesman Allen Marshall said.

Another key will be getting financial support from Great Lakes states. The Army Corps generally requires non-federal partners to pay 35 percent of a project's construction costs, although Congress could waive some or all of the requirement. □

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In this Nov. 14, 2003, file photo, Santa Fe Institute co-founder Murray Gell-Mann, winner of the 1969 Nobel Prize for physics, is seen Santa Fe Institute in Santa Fe, N.M.

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Nobel-winning physicist Murray Gell-Mann dies at 89

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Murray Gell-Mann, the Nobel Prize-winning physicist who brought order to the universe by helping discover and classify subatomic particles, has died at the age of 89.

Gell-Mann died Friday at his home in Santa Fe, New Mexico. His death was confirmed by the Santa Fe Institute, where he held the title of distinguished fellow, and the California Institute of Technology, where he taught for decades. The cause was not disclosed. Gell-Mann transformed physics by devising a method for sorting subatomic

particles into simple groups of eight — based on electric charge, spin and other characteristics. He called his method the "eightfold way" after the Buddhist Eightfold Path to enlightenment.

Later Gell-Mann developed the theory that identified "quarks," indivisible components of Earth's matter that make up protons, neutrons and other particles. Experiments confirmed the existence of quarks, and these objects now form the basis for our physical understanding of the universe, Caltech said in a statement.

"It would be hard to overestimate the degree to which Murray dominated theoretical particle physics during his heyday in the 1950s and 1960s.

He contributed so many deep ideas that drove the field forward, many of which are just as relevant today," said John Preskill, the Richard P. Feynman Professor of Theoretical Physics at Caltech.

In 1969, Gell-Mann was honored with the Nobel Prize in Physics "for his contributions and discoveries concerning the classification of elementary particles and their interactions." □



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Bong d'Or: Korean director wins Cannes' top prize

By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

CANNES, France (AP) —

South Korean director Bong Joon-ho's raucous social satire "Parasite," about a poor family of hustlers who find jobs with a wealthy family, won the Cannes Film Festival's top award, the Palme d'Or, on Saturday.

The win for "Parasite" marks the first Korean film to ever win the Palme. In the festival's closing ceremony, jury president Alejandro Inarritu said the choice had been "unanimous" for the nine-person jury.

The genre-mixing film, Bong's seventh, had arguably been celebrated more than others at Cannes this year, hailed by critics as the best yet from the 49-year-old director of "Snowpiercer" and "Okja." "It's the 100th anniversary of the cinema in Korea this year. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Korean cinema, I think the Cannes Film Festival has offered me a very great gift," Bong told reporters after the ceremony.

It was the second straight Palme victory for an Asian director. Last year, the award went to Japanese filmmaker Hirokazu Kore-eda's "Shoplifters," also a compassionate parable about an impoverished family.

"We shared the mystery of the unexpected way this film took us through differ-



Director Bong Joon-ho poses with the Palme d'Or award for the film 'Parasite' during a photo call following the awards ceremony at the 72nd international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Saturday, May 25, 2019.

ent genres, speaking in a funny, humorous and tender way of no judgement of something so relevant and urgent and so global," Inarritu told reporters after the ceremony.

Many of the awards on Saturday were given to social and political stories that depicted geopolitical dramas in localized tales, from African shores to Paris suburbs.

The festival's second place award, the Grand Prize, went to French-Senegalese director Mati Diop's feature-film debut, "Atlantics." The film by Diop, the first black female director ever in competition in Cannes, views the migrant

crisis from the perspective of Senegalese women left behind after many young men flee by sea to Spain. Sylvester Stallone presented the honor.

Although few quibbled with the choice of "Parasite," some had expected Cannes to make history by giving the Palme to a female filmmaker for just the second time. Celine Sciamma's period romance "Portrait of a Lady on Fire" was the Palme pick for many critics this year. Instead, Sciamma ended up with best screenplay.

In the festival's 72-year history, only Jane Campion has won the prize in 1993 for "The Piano," tying with

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Chen Kaige's "Farewell My Concubine."

Best actor went to Antonio Banderas for Pedro Almodovar's reflective drama "Pain and Glory." In the film, one of the most broadly acclaimed of the festival, Banderas plays a fictionalized version of Almodovar looking back on his life and career.

"The best is still to come," said Banderas, accepting the award.

The Belgian brothers Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne, who have already twice won the Palme d'Or, took the best director prize for "Young Ahmed," their portrait of Muslim teenager who becomes radicalized

by a fundamentalist imam. The third-place jury prize, presented by Michael Moore, was split between two socially conscious thrillers: The French director Ladj Ly's feature-film debut "Les Misérables" and Brazilian director Kleber Mendonça Filho's "Bacurau."

Ly has called his film an alarm bell about youths living in the housing projects of Paris' suburbs. Filho viewed his feverish, violent Western about a rural Brazilian community defending itself from a hard-to-comprehend invasion as a reflection of President Jair Bolsonaro's Brazil.

British actress Emily Beecham won best actress for her performance in Jessica Hausner's science-fiction drama "Little Joe." The jury also gave a special mention to Palestinian director Elia Suleiman's "It Must Be Heaven."

The Camera d'Or, an award given for best first feature from across all of Cannes' sections, went to César Díaz's "Our Mothers," a drama about the Guatemalan civil war in the 1980s. The ceremony Saturday brought to a close a Cannes Film Festival riven by concerns for its own relevancy. It had to contend, most formidably, with the cultural force of "Game of Thrones," which concluded during the festival. The continuing rise of streaming was also a constant subject around Cannes. □

New novel 'Love Actually' meets the horoscopes

By RASHA MADKOUR
Associated Press

"Star-Crossed: A Novel" (Crown), by Minnie Darke A journalist once considered adjusting her newspaper's horoscope to help an astrology-devoted friend.

She didn't do it, but in her new novel, Minnie Darke imagines what happens when her lovesick protagonist acts on the same impulse she had.

The result is an escapist delight.

"Star-Crossed" tells the



This cover image released by Crown shows "Star-Crossed: A Novel" by Minnie Darke.
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story of Justine and Nick, astrology skeptic and believer, childhood friends who recently reunited. Justine is baffled by Nick's faith in his horoscope: "I just think that if you want to play Romeo, you should play Romeo."

You don't have to twist the words of some stargazing nut to give yourself permission."

When she later gains access to the horoscopes at the newspaper where she works, Justine gets the idea to tinker with the

Aquarius entries to nudge Nick into realizing his feelings for her.

Needless to say, it doesn't quite work out as she intends.

What follows is a "Love Actually"-esque menagerie of interconnected characters and subplots. The colorful figures include a jilted singer-songwriter; a divorced oncologist dating a male midwife; a widow with an extensive collection of commemorative Charles and Diana wedding china who is in

a Skype relationship with someone on the other side of the world.

It also includes a terrier/frequent animal shelter escapee whose inner thoughts readers are privy to, to this reader's dismay. The way their tales all satisfyingly tie together in the end brings to mind the butterfly effect — the way small events can have significant consequences.

In all, "Star-Crossed" is a light, fun read, with a creative spin on a winning rom-com formula. □

Egerton glitters in glossy, conventional 'Rocketman'

By **JAKE COYLE**
Associated Press

Whatever you say about Dexter Fletcher's glossy, glittering Elton John blinged-out biopic "Rocketman," a shiny sequin of a movie, it doesn't lack for sparkle. Like its flamboyant subject, it's a movie outfitted to the nines in dazzle and verve, even if it's gotten all dressed up with nowhere to go but the most conventional places.

Almost slavishly sealed within the hermetic bubble of the rock biopic, "Rocketman" will, justifiably, draw plenty of comparisons to its opening act: last year's Freddie Mercury tale "Bohemian Rhapsody." They're both about larger-than-life figures, each gay icons, with a preternatural talent for hooks and spectacle. Fletcher also helped steer "Bohemian Rhapsody," subbing for the departed



This image released by Paramount Pictures shows Taron Egerton as Elton John in a scene from "Rocketman."

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Bryan Singer. The two movies even share a villain in music manager John Reid (Aiden Gillen in "Bohemian Rhapsody," Richard Madden here). And Elton, like Freddie, churned out unassailable, everlasting earworms sung round the world. Favoring melody over meaning, the uplifting music of both comes big-screen ready. Their songs were movies, in Technicolor. Just as "Bohemian Rhapsody" can glide over the origins of "Scaramouche," we need no investigations into why that dancer was so tiny. "Rocketman" deviates in its rating (R), its less hesitant

depiction of its star's homosexuality and, most dramatically, in casting John's life across a fantastical musical tapestry. It's also quite definitely a better movie — although one still stuffed to the gills with clichés and heavily dependent on the sheer toe-tap-ability of its star's extensive back catalog and its lead performer. Here, that's Taron Egerton, who doesn't especially look like John or sound like John, but he gives a star-making performance built on charisma and will. Egerton gives it his all, and if there's one quality that's most essential in an Elton John movie, it's spirited-

ness. On the whole, this is a more-or-less true, authorized account (John is an executive producer), but one that frequently breaks free of stubborn things like chronology and gravity. In one scene, John — whom rock critic Robert Christgau once referred to as a "one-man zeitgeist" — himself rockets from an arena stage into the night sky and explodes as a firework. "Rocketman" has every fiber of its being committed to burnishing the legend of Sir Elton: literally an exploding star.

"Where there was darkness, there is now you, Elton John," the devilish Reid tells him, shortly before John becomes an \$87 million-a-year industry.

Working from a script by Lee Hall, Fletcher zooms through John's life, finding trap doors in his past that fall into lavish song-and-dance routines. There's some "Rocket Man" on a toy piano as a toddler and a "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting" at a carnival, for a reason that eluded me. The next song is rarely more than a few minutes away. Frequently, "Rocketman" feels like an ad for a jukebox Broadway musical. This is a movie yearning for the stage. □

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Justin Townes Earle sings the blues on fine album

By **STEVEN WINE**
Associated Press

Justin Townes Earle, "The Saint of Lost Causes" (New West) Justin Townes Earle is feeling bad, and his music has never been better. On "The Saint of Lost Causes," Earle inhabits a range of doleful, downcast characters who span our troubled land, from the cop killer on "Appalachian Nightmare" to the teen trying to escape bleak circumstances on "Over Alameda." There's also considerable range to the music, but it all comes from the same wellspring. Earle does country blues ("Don't Drink the Water"), jump blues ("Flint City Shake It"),



This cover image released by New West Records shows "The Saint of Lost Causes," by Justin Townes Earle.

Associated Press

a blues shuffle ("Ain't Got No Money") and 12-bar swing ("Pacific Northwestern Blues"). The titles tell the tale, and there's pain from start (the title cut) to finish (the lone-

ly lament "Talking to Myself"). But not everything is a downer — "Mornings in Memphis" finds beauty in the moment, and "Say Baby" is a spirited two-chord come-on. Earle's backstory includes a nomadic youth, delinquency and addiction, and he convincingly fills the roles he has created. He's in fine voice, with a mix of verve and vulnerability and the phrasing of a great storyteller. The excellent supporting cast is led by bassist Adam Bednarik, who co-produced with Earle, and guitarist Joe V. McMahan. The state of the union is not pretty, but it has inspired Earle's best album. □

'When They See Us' actors revisit the Central Park Five case

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Jharrel Jerome, perhaps best known for his role in "Moonlight," recalls walking to school a few years ago in his native New York City, worried about an upcoming test, when he was stopped by two police officers.

"Stop! Can I see your bag?" one asked him.

He immediately froze in fear. What did he do wrong? Did he walk weird? Did he say something? Jerome let them look through his notebooks, papers and pens. Then they let him go. He was still shaking at his desk hours later.

"You just wonder what was in their mind and what they see in me when I'm just trying to be as good as I could be," he recalled. "It's terrifying because they could have been the worst of cops. They could have done anything."

Jerome, 21, drew heavily on that testy interaction to play Korey Wise, an innocent man who spent 12 years behind bars for a rape in Central Park he never committed. "Thinking about that experience and then thinking about it times ten is terrifying," he said.

Wise was one of five black and Latino teenagers — the others were Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana — who were coerced into confessing to the crime and are collectively known as the "Central Park Five."

In Ava DuVernay's new four-part Netflix series "When They See Us," the horrific odyssey the five endured is shown over 25 years, from the 1989 night they were arrested to the day a settlement was reached with the city in 2014.

The case was drawn on racial lines from the outset, with the victim being a young white woman, and it drew worldwide attention. Tabloid headlines compared the teens to a wolf pack, and Donald Trump took out newspaper ads calling for the return of



This May 20, 2019 photo shows Asante Blackk, from left, Jharrel Jerome, Caleel Harris, Ethan Herisse, and Marquis Rodriguez posing at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in New York to promote their Netflix show "When They See Us."

the death penalty in New York state. It took years for the five to be exonerated, and they spent most of their youth in prison. Another man was found guilty of the attack.

The five young actors who play the accused in the first half of the series were horrified to learn details of the case and hope it can lead to changes in the judicial system.

"It hurts me to think that it's 2019 and it's not that I don't still hear of stories exactly like this," said Marquis Rodriguez, 21, who plays Santana and grew up in Brooklyn.

The two New Yorkers — Jerome and Rodriguez — were acquainted with the case before landing their roles, but the three others — Asante Blackk, 17, Caleel Harris, 15, and Ethan Herisse, 18 — hadn't heard of the plight of the Central Park Five. Now they think it's too important to forget. "It's something that needs to continue to be told, to remind everyone that miscarriages of justice can happen," said Herisse. Harris agreed, and said the case is about something else, too: "It is a story of survival."

Questionable police tactics have led to a long list

of troubling police encounters with young black men, including instances that have resulted in death: Sean Bell, Oscar Grant, Eric Garner and Michael Brown among them.

"It kind of blurs together and that's just how it is living in America as a young man of color," said Blackk, who grew up in and around Washington, D.C. "Multiple experiences day after day and it kind of becomes normal to you and that's not OK."

Jerome and Rodriguez said their mothers told them about this ugly chapter in city history, hoping their sons would learn to be respectful of police but also not be too pliant.

"It was just something that she thought was really important for me to know, part of my history and almost a cautionary tale — just how quickly things can go terribly, terribly wrong especially for a young man of color in this city," Rodriguez said.

Jerome's mother grew up near where the attack took place and as a girl of 12 or 13 wasn't allowed to go to Central Park for two years. "That kind of probably stayed with her as she raised her kids," he said. "She made sure that we

were aware of stories like that because their case was one of millions of others that we've heard about." The case still echoes today in no small part to recent instances of exonerated, railroaded defendants and by who occupies the White House. "We've definitely made progress but there is so much more progress to be made," said Blackk. "We're still living in a time where our president has tried to ban an entire religion from entering this country," he added, referring to Trump's attempt early in his presidency to ban foreigners from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States.

To get into character, all five actors met their counterparts, who charmed the young men with their cheer despite the hardships they faced. Richardson cracked jokes.

McCray was warm. Santana nicely offered specific details of his ordeal. Wise was youthful, as if stuck in amber.

"I mean, the man matches his hat to his shirts to his sneakers — still like the '90s. He's all about '90s culture, '90s hip-hop, as if he kind of was in a time machine and stayed there," said Jerome.

Rodriguez still has a hard time wrapping his head around the fact that Santana was only 14 at the time of his arrest and maintained his innocence even as he faced police coercion.

"I did not know if I would be able to hold the weight of what he held at that age," said Rodriguez.

"I know for sure I would have broken under it. And he came out of it alive and functioning and happy now, which is absolutely unbelievable."

The young actors seem changed by the experience of working on the project. All — from Blackk, who enjoyed his first professional acting role, to the experienced Jerome — said they wanted to find projects as meaningful down the road.

"I want to be a part of important stories and I want to be a part of the right stories and I want them to be told correctly and to be told with an inclusive mindset," said Rodriguez, who is next off to work on the "Game of Thrones" prequel.

Jerome agreed: "This is all I want to do. I want to do projects that speak to people who don't get to have a voice. I want to do projects that resonate with you after a long time." □

Time to get a watch? What to know about buying preowned

By **AMIR BIBAWY**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Luxury watches have long been a symbol of the wealthy. That's changing thanks to a booming trade in pre-owned luxury watches, driven by a growing number of specialized retailers. Established luxury watchmakers and dealers are also getting into the trade. "Retailers seem to get much more excited about selling preowned than new because they can set the price," says Ariel Adams, founder of aBlogtoWatch, the foremost authority in watch blogs.

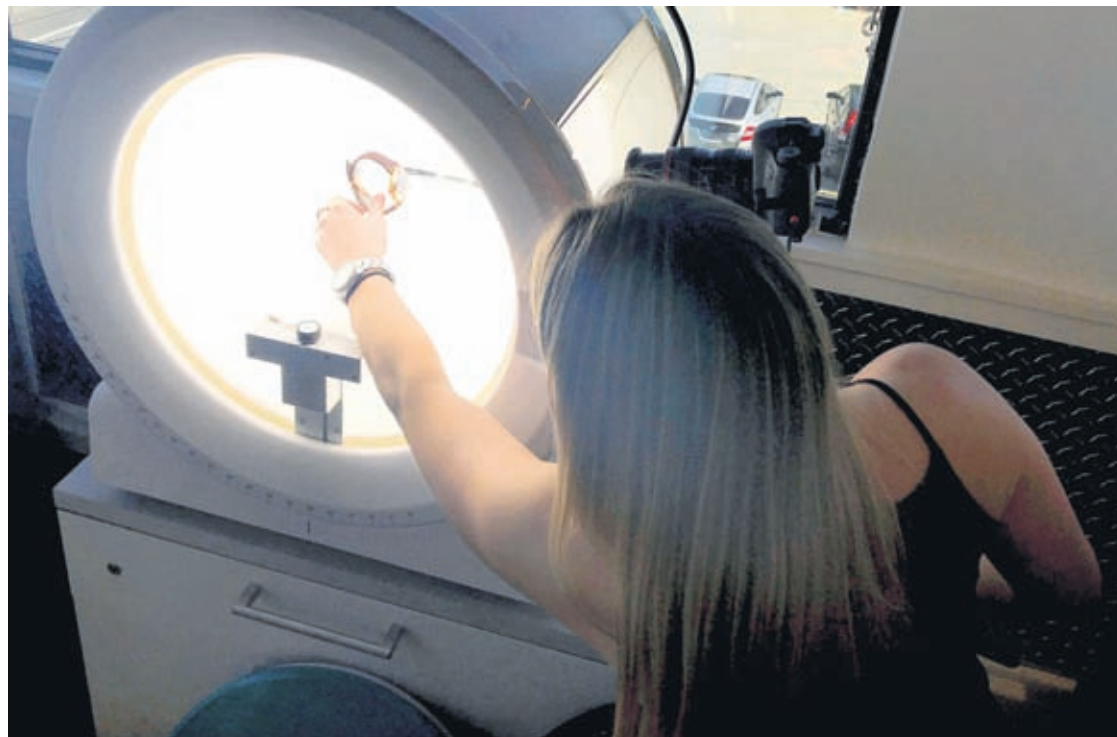
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WHAT TO BUY?

"The most important piece of information I tell people is: Buy a watch you want to wear," says Adams. "Now that sounds really obvious. But a lot of people, without really knowing, try to follow other people's advice. Watches are like clothing: Just because someone re-



In this May 24 2018, photo a watch is photographed at the headquarters of Govberg in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., suburban Philadelphia.

ally likes their pair of jeans that doesn't mean it will look good on you."

Paul Boutros, head of Americas for auction house Philips Watches, cautions against approaching the watch as an investment. "Buy watches because you love them," he says. "As far as investment goes, it's best to invest in stocks or real estate."

HOW TO SCORE A DEAL

To figure out roughly how much you should pay, compare prices on online marketplaces like Germany-based Chrono24, where retailers and individuals list watches for sale. But watch collector Paul Bragan, a senior partner at market research firm Wakefield Re-

search, cautions shoppers to take those figures with a grain of salt. The list price is often not what a watch ends up selling for, Bragan says.

Once you have price points, zero in on a good-condition piece. Many online retailers offer "first-time buyer" discounts or incentives for returning customers. Most offer email newsletters that will alert you to upcoming holiday sales, and not just for Christmas. Tourneau and online platform Watchbox offer sales tied to other holidays such as Independence Day and Labor Day.

Watchbox's innovative app even allows you to offer your own price as a starting point.

Have a watch you don't wear anymore? As with cars, figure out if you can trade it in for your dream piece.

CONSIDER THE "GREY MARKET"

If you really want a new piece, consider the so-called "grey market." Brand-authorized dealers often offload excess inventory onto third-party websites. Those sites, in turn, will offer discounts of roughly a third on new and unworn pieces. But there's a catch: Those third-party sellers can't offer warranties against defects or mechanical failures.

"The grey market is just for that customer that wants a special big deal," says Ste-

ven Kaiser, founder of New York-based luxury industry consulting firm Kaiser Time. "You are always going to have that customer."

PAY ATTENTION TO THE FINE PRINT

There are details to consider beyond the sale price. How much of a warranty does the seller offer? Does it cover water damage? What's the return policy? Does it include a restocking fee? If you are on the hook for return shipping costs, that could be good chunk of cash if you need to insure the package.

DON'T FORGET INSURANCE

Many home insurance policies cover personal possessions but it's usually worth getting a separate "valuable item" policy for peace of mind. Many such supplemental policies cover theft or loss away outside the home.

WHAT ABOUT WOMEN'S WATCHES

"It's a man's game," says Watchbox founder Danny Govberg, who estimates that only 5 percent of pre-owned watches on the market are designed for women. But that's good news for female watch enthusiasts. It usually means better deals for the smaller-dial Rolexes and Omegas.

TAKE CARE OF THE WATCH

Luxury watches are made to last decades, but they require care. Mechanical pieces need more care than those that run on batteries, known as quartz watches.

"You should make sure it's wound at least weekly and running at least weekly," says Susanna Woycitzky, watchmaker at Watchbox. She adds that you should also keep your watch away from magnets, including those on iPad covers, purses and money clips. Most watches are waterproof but it's best not to test it.

"Don't take them swimming in the Mediterranean," says Christian Zeron, founder of online retailer Theo&Harris. □



This May 24, 2018, photo shows preowned watches on display at Govberg's flagship store in Philadelphia.

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